We are saved forever through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the gospel of Christ and His shed blood.

From the verse below, it clearly states that those that believe the gospel of Christ are saved forever, because the power of God guarantees that from the moment a person believes the gospel of Christ. The power of God never fails, and God does not a promise something that is not true and does not make mistakes.

For <u>I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto</u> <u>salvation to every one that believeth</u>; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. - Rom 1:16

In the following passage, Paul declares the gospel of Christ in verses 3 and 4. It is the crucifixion, burial, and resurrection of Christ.

1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: - 1 Cor 15:1-4

In the following passage, Paul and Silas are asked the definitive question, and they give the definitive answer as to what a person needs to do to be saved. And it is just to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ that guarantees salvation forever.

30 And brought them out, and said, <u>Sirs, what must I do to be saved</u>? **31** And they said, <u>Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved</u>, and thy house. - Acts 16:30-31

The following passage shows that forgiveness of sins and salvation come from trusting in the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, shed on the cross as the payment for our sins.

22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: 23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. - Acts 3:22-26

Note that salvation occurs at the moment that a person trusts in Christ and the gospel of Christ for their salvation.

In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, - Eph 1:13

The following passages all show that forgiveness of sins and redemption come from trusting in the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, shed on the cross as the payment for our sins.

In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; - Eph 1:7

In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: - Col 1:14

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, <u>and</u> the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. - 1 John 1:7

And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. **Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood**, - Rev 1:5

In verse 17, Paul makes it clear that water baptism is not part of salvation, does not save nor is it required for salvation. It is just by believing the gospel of Christ.

17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. 18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. 20 Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? 21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. 22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: 23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; - 1 Cor 1:17-23

The following verse declares that salvation is by believing in the name of Jesus Christ, which means God as Saviour.

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, <u>even</u> to them that believe on his name: - John 1:12

In the following passages, Christ testifies that salvation is guaranteed forever by believing in the Lord Jesus Christ.

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: 15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. 18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. - John 3:14-18

<u>Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life</u>. - John 6:47

In the following verse, John the Baptist testifies that salvation is guaranteed forever by believing in the Lord Jesus Christ.

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. - John 3:36

Again, Christ affirms that salvation is just by believing in the Lord Jesus Christ.

39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. **40** And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day. - John 6:39-40

<u>I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved</u>, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. - John 10:9

25 Jesus said unto her, <u>I am the resurrection</u>, <u>and the life: he that believeth in me</u>, <u>though he were dead</u>, <u>yet shall he live:</u> 26 <u>And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this</u>? - John 11:25-26

The apostle John affirms the same thing.

But these are written, that ye might believe <u>that Jesus is the Christ</u>, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. - John 20:31

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. - 1 John 5:13

Here Christ says that He will never leave the saved. So, if a person ends up in hell forever, Christ will have to be there too. So that is not true.

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: **for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee**. - Heb 13:5

In Acts 10:36-44 Peter preaching to Cornelius and the others with Cornelius. They just believe in Christ as Peter instructed them, and they were saved forever.

In the following 2 passages, Paul again shows that salvation is just by faith.

38 Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: **39 And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.** - Acts 13:38-39

For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. - Rom 4:3

Christ clearly states that "they shall never perish". And eternal life would not be eternal if it can be lost.

28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. - John 10:28-29

A gift cannot be earned, and to have the gift of eternal life means it cannot be lost.

For the wages of sin is death; **but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord** - Rom 6:23

Christ paid for our sins on the cross and we get His perfect righteousness counted toward us just by believing that.

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. - 2 Cor 5:21

Note how we are saved from wrath through faith in His blood.

6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. - Rom 5:8-9

In the following passages, it is clear we are saved by believing the gospel of Christ and we have peace with God. If a saved person could lose salvation, they would not have peace.

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: - Rom 5:1

Christ came into the world to save sinners. What other choice is there since all have sinned and are sinners.

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, <u>that Christ Jesus came into the</u> <u>world to save sinners</u>; <u>of whom I am chief</u>. - 1 Tim 1:15

There is no payment or remission of sins except by faith in the shed blood of Christ as the payment for our sins.

And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; **and without shedding of blood is no remission**. - Heb 9:22

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, <u>Behold the Lamb of God</u>, which taketh away the sin of the world. - John 1:29

The saved are saved to the uttermost so they cannot lose salvation.

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. - Heb 7:25

When a person believes the gospel of Christ, they are saved forever and receive the Holy Ghost as a gift.

38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. 39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) - John 7:38-39

16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; **17** Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. - John 14:16-17

God cannot repent of giving someone the gift of eternal life and the Holy Spirit. So, if the saved could lose their salvation, the Holy Spirit would be in hell forever and that is not true.

For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance. - Rom 11:29

Just believe in the shed blood of the risen and crucified Lord Jesus Christ on the cross to be saved.

But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off <u>are made nigh by the blood of Christ.</u> - Eph 2:13

And, <u>having made peace through the blood of his cross</u>, <u>by him to reconcile all things unto himself</u>; ... - Col 1:20

Notice how the saved are redeemed, past tense.

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; **19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:** - 1 Pet 1:18-19

Consider that in all of scripture, there is no one who was said to have lost their salvation. And if the saved could lose their salvation, how? Is it sin, which all who believe they can lose salvation do? And if you could lose your salvation, how would you get it back? Must you be born again, again, again? And if they lose salvation 10 times, must they be born again, and again to get it back? Note also that no one in scripture has ever been said to regain their salvation. Also consider that when the Philippian jailor and all in his house were saved, they rejoiced. But if Paul had mentioned that they could lose their salvation and go to hell forever, they would have been frightened out of their minds. As pagans, eternity in torment was not what they believed. Nor did Paul or Christ or anyone warn that a saved person that they could end in the lake of fire forever.

See also: Rom 1:17, Rom 1:5, Rom 1:8, Rom 1:12, Rom 3:27, Rom 3:28, Rom 3:30, Rom 4:3, Rom 4:5, Rom 4:9, Rom 4:11, Rom 4:12, Rom 4:13, Rom 4:14, Rom 4:16, Rom 4:17, Rom 4:18, Rom 4:19, Rom 4:20, Rom 4:21, Rom 4:22, Rom 4:24, Rom 5:2, Rom 5:10-11, Rom 5:15-21, Rom 8:1-2, Rom 9:30-33, Rom 10:6-17, Rom 14:1, Rom 16:26, 1 Cor 2:2, 1 Cor 15:11, 2 Cor 4:3-4, 2 Cor 4:5, 2 Cor 5:7, 2 Cor 5:17-21, Gal 1:4, Gal 2:16, Gal 2:20, Gal 3:2, Gal 3:5, Gal 3:6-9, Gal 3:11, Gal 3:14, Gal 3:22, Gal 3:24, Gal 5:5-6, Eph 1:19, Eph 3:17-19, Phil 3:9, Col 2:5-7, Col 2:20, 1 Thess 1:9, 1 Thess 2:13, 1 Thess 4:14, 2 Thess 1:10, 2 Thess 2:13-14, 1 Tim 3:16, 1 Tim 4:10, 2 Tim 1:9-10, 2 Tim 2:10, 2 Tim 3:15, Titus 2:11-14, Titus 3:5-7, Phile 1:5-6, Heb 4:2-3, Heb 10:10, Heb 10:14, James 2:23, 1 Pet 1:3-5, 1 Pet 1:9, 1 Pet 1:23, 1 Pet 2:6, 1 Pet 2:24, 1 Pet 3:18, 2 Pet 1:1, 1 John 2:2, 1 John 2:25, 1 John 3:16, 1 John 4:10, 1 John 4:14-15, 1 John 5:5, 1 John 5:20, Jude 1:3, Rev 22:17, John 5:24-25, John 6:29, John 6:35, John 6:44, John 6:68, John 20:29, Acts 5:12, Acts 11:14-15, Acts 11:17, Acts 13:38-39, Gen 15:6

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