

## THE NEW HERESY OF JOEY FAUST (With 36 Proof Texts That Answer It)

Joey Faust has written a rather large book entitled, "Will God Spare the Rod?" In this book Joey, a split rapturist, seeks to systematize this split rapture view (at least, we think so) by putting carnal Christians in hell under the guise of Christian punishment at the Judgment Seat of Christ and carnal Christians excluded from the millennial kingdom (the less objectionable of his doctrines). The novel but radical twist and departure from today's Fundamental Baptist eschatology and soteriology is that beginning at the JSOC, these carnal Christians will be placed in the Lake of Fire for an indefinite time and then afterwards be placed in Hades/HELL until the second resurrection, where they regain the eternal life, which they have lost.

During this time, their bodies and souls are said by Faust to be dead. Such a horrible heresy strikes at the very heart of salvation by grace and the Saviour's promise to all born again Christians. What is Joey's motive for all this? According to him, it is the loose living, carnal Christians, who do not repent and confess their sins. Not only are they chastised here on earth but also in the hereafter, hence the title, "Will God Spare His Rod?" Supposedly, this novel truth of Joey's is supposed to correct the situation. My own opinion is that this heresy is Joey's capstone heresy to pave the way for his split rapture position that usually does not attract any pre millennial, fundamental, Independent Baptists, in our present time. Nevertheless, how does Joey get from point A to point B.? For that we must examine chapters 7 through 9 and 25 (of his prepublication book), which contain the more objectionable contents of his heresy.

To critique the whole book, we would have to publish a book of equal and quite large size. Suffice it to say that all the "lose your salvationist" arguments and proof texts are found in Joey's book. Joey only changes the time frame and purpose and duration of this lost or partial salvation and the how and when born again Christian lose their salvation. Joey makes much use of parabolic teaching, misappropriated second coming teaching, and quotes from many historic writers, most of which do not go to the depths that Joey has gone but do contain elements of the peripherals that surround his more objectionable teaching, said peripherals serve to mask that teaching.

Joey also, like a JW, plays around with the words, eternal and forever, trying to prove that they do not always mean that, claiming therefore that the passage with those words do not insulate the Christian from going to hell. Joey Faust is smart, clever, and embraces many positions that we would like to see in a Baptist, but he is not to be trusted. He seeks to rob Christians of their hope as found in the Bible's promises that follow this introduction. He is a wolf in sheep's clothing. Most of Joey's "lose your salvation" inferences and innuendo can be handled with plain, rock solid, salvation and assurance proof texts. This, of course, puts Joey in the difficult position of having transparently to explain away and over qualify such passages, even from the lips of the Saviour in order to promote his heresy, while all Joey's opponents must do is point out that his parabolic and gospel references and even his JSOC passages do not say what he is saying about a Christian going to hell, as he mixes and matches and interpolates to get to where he is wants to go. To say that born again Christians go to the lake of fire or hell or some sort of Baptist purgatory, Joey must also say the following:

### God/Christ's Promises

1 . . . he hath said, **I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.** -- Heb. 13:5

Joey must say that Christ will leave and forsake carnal Christians.

2. I know that, **whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever:** nothing can be put to it, **nor any thing taken from it:** and God doeth it, that men should fear before him. -- Eccl. 3:14

Joey must say that some things that God does are not forever, specifically God saving a man. And he must also say that something can be taken from it, if that Christian must wind up in hell or the Lake of fire.

3 . . . the LORD loveth judgment, and **forsaketh not his saints;** they are preserved **for ever:** but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off. --Psa. 37:28

Joey must say that the LORD does forsake some saints and that some of them are not preserved forever.

4. His seed also will I make to **endure for ever,** and his throne as the days of heaven. -- Psa. 89:29

Joey must say that only some of His seed will not endure forever.

5 . . . him that cometh to me **I will in no wise cast out.** -- John 6:37

Joey must say that some believers may be cast out that come to Him.

6. For I am persuaded, that **neither death, nor life,** nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, **shall be able to separate us from the love of God,** which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. -- Rom. 8:38, 39

Joey must disagree with Paul and believe that something can and might separate Joey from the love of God.

7. 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

Joey must say that all saints are not saved to the uttermost that come to God by Christ. That He does not intercede

for the carnal saints at some time or other.

8. For **God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation** by our Lord Jesus Christ . . . -- 1 Th. 5:9

Joey must say that some saints, prior to the future wraths, are appointed to wrath.

9. Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you **will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ** (Judgment Seat) . . . -- Phil. 1:6

Joey must say that the judgment seat ends the good work that was begun in the carnal Christian at the new birth.

10. And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and **will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom:** to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. -- 2 Tim. 4:18

Joey must say that everyone is not delivered from the consequences of every evil work and will not all be preserved unto His heavenly kingdom.

11. And I give unto them **eternal life;** and **they shall never perish,** neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. -- John 10:28

Joey must say that God takes away a Christian's eternal life for a while, and he must also say that not of every Christian can it be said that they shall *NEVER* perish nor can never be plucked out of his hand.

12. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, **HATH everlasting life,** and **shall not come into condemnation;** but is passed from death unto life. -- John 5:24

13. 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 3:18

Joey must contradict the Saviour by saying that not all believers shall not come into condemnation. And not all believers have passed from death to life permanently, but may pass from life to death at the JSOC and back again.

14. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from **ALL** sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. -- 1 John 1:7-10

Joey must say that the blood of Jesus Christ does not cleanse *ALL* sins of *ALL* Christians. He must also say that either all Christians die with some sin or that there are some Christians that have no sin. If Joey says that you must confess all sin to avoid hell, like a Catholic that just came out of the confessional booth, at that point only are you free from sin and a candidate for the rapture and kingdom and may avoid the Christian purgatory.

15. My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And **if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:** -- 1 John 2:1

Joey must either say only some have an advocate with the Father, if they can wind up in hell or that only those that confess their sin have an advocate with the Father.

16. Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. **He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ,** he hath both the Father and the **Son.** -- 2 John 1:9

Joey must say that not abiding in Christ removes a Christian from son ship and having life in the Son.

17. 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,** Which is the **earnest of our inheritance** until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory. -- Eph. 1:13, 14

Joey must say that the sealing of the Holy Spirit is not a finalized thing, if the sealed one winds up in hell. He must also say that for some this Holy Spirit is not an earnest or pledge of his inheritance and purchased possession.

18. 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 14:17

Joey must say that the Holy Spirit must be taken out of the believer, if the believer is sent to hell or the Holy Spirit must go to hell with the carnal believer.

19. But **we are not of them who draw back unto perdition;** but of them that **believe to the saving of the soul.** - - Heb. 10:39

Joey must say that there are some, who do draw back into perdition and that he does not believe in the saving of the soul for "all" Christians.

20. **He that hath the Son hath life;** and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. -- 1 John 5:12

Joey must say that the believer has life, and then at the JSOC does not have life and then has life again after his Lake of Fire incarceration. During this time, the believer does not have life; Joey must say that he does not have the Son. Also, he must also say that in between confessions and repentance the believer Yo Yo's between life and no life and having the son and not having the son.

21. . . . **NOW are we the sons of God,** and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, **when he**

**shall appear, we shall be like him** . . . -- 1 John 3:2

Joey must say that, when Christ appears at the rapture, only some will be like him.

22. It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that **the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus** (Judgment Seat). -- 1 Cor. 5:1, 5

Joey must say that both this fornicator's body and spirit will die at the judgment seat and that his spirit would not be saved at that time.

23. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but **he himself shall be saved**; yet so as by fire. -- 1 Cor. 3:15

Joey must say that this Christian is to be burned at the judgment seat rather than his works. He must also say that it is His new body that is burned as well as his new man and nature that is burned in the Lake of Fire.

24. Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath **made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance** of the saints in light: -- Col. 1:12

Joey must say that some have not been made meet to be partakers of the saint's inheritance.

25. Who hath . . . **translated us into the kingdom** of his dear Son: -- Col. 1:13

Joey must say that some believers are not completely delivered and that they must be removed from the kingdom of His dear Son after being translated into it.

26. To redeem them that were under the law, **that we might receive the adoption of sons**. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. -- Gal. 4:5, 6

Joey must either put his children in the Lake of fire or his children must cease to be his children or sons.

27. Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but **according to his mercy he saved us**, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; -- Titus 3:5

Joey must say that salvation is not completely of grace but that a Christian must work to keep from carnality or confess his carnality before death to work his way out of hell or to keep from hell.

28. And be found in him, **not having mine own righteousness**, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: -- Phil. 3:9

29. 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

Joey must say that you must have Christ's righteousness plus some of your own to stay out of hell and that we are not completely the righteousness of God in Him.

30. Whosoever is born of God **doth not commit sin**; for his seed remaineth in him: and he **CANNOT** sin, because he is born of God. -- 1 John 3:9

Joey must say that some believer's seed does not remain in them and that some believers are viewed by God as not sinning, who cannot sin and therefore cannot be punished in hell or that a Christian must go through his life without the flesh not committing any sin. And not being able to sin. This eternal new nature and new body is what must get punished at the JSOC and be cast into the Lake of fire and not the temporal flesh.

31. I write unto you, young men, because **ye have overcome the wicked one**. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father. -- 1 John 2:13

Joey must say that these have not YET overcome the wicked one and may still wind up in hell and the LOF.

32. For **whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world**: and this is the **victory** that overcometh the world, **even our faith**. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? -- 1 John 5:4, 5

Joey must say that merely our faith and being born again does not overcome the world.

33. And they **overcame him by the blood of the Lamb**, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. -- Rev. 12:11

Joey must say that the testimony of overcoming by the blood of the Lamb is not enough to keep a believer from hell or the Lake of fire.

34 . . . all which he hath given to me **I SHOULD LOSE NOTHING**, but should **raise it up again at the LAST DAY**. -- John 6:39

Joey must say that Christ loses some, if but for a little while.

35. . . everyone that seeth the Son, and **believeth on him**, may have everlasting life; and **I shall raise him up at the LAST DAY**. -- John 6:40

Joey must find something to discredit carnal believers from being, as promised, raised up at the last day even if they have believed on the Son.

36. . . all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the

**resurrection of life;** and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation. -- John 5:28, 29

Joey must create another resurrection category for those, who have done good and then done badly, or he must put Christians in with those, who have done evil and are damned.

### **Conclusion**

We count Joey Faust a heretic, who is perverting salvation. We have served notice on him that we cannot have fellowship with him (after more than two admonitions). Herb Evans is the donkey that has forbade the madness of the prophet, but he did not pay heed to this donkey speaking. We serve notice on anyone that embraces his heresy that we cannot have fellowship with you and intend to mark you as the scriptures command. Joey Faust teaches a kind of Baptist purgatory for carnal Christians. He cries loud and clear that it is not the Catholic kind but admits the Catholic kind has its roots in the proper kind of purgatory. Joey thinks that the Catholics perverted the proper teaching of this purgatory and fancies himself as reviving its early teaching. One nice thing that we can say about it is that Joey does not sell indulgences. Hallelujah, praise de Lawd! Thank you Jesus!

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