

ONCE WAS ENOUGH

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One God was enough: **Mark 12:32** And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he: **1 Corinthians 8:6** But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him. **James 2:19** Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

One Bible was enough: **Galatians 5:14** For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. **Nehemiah 8:1** And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that was before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded to Israel. **Nehemiah 8:5** And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up:

One God, One Lord, One Holy Spirit, one book. I want to look at some other “ones”. Once was enough. God didn’t need “do-over’s”, he wasn’t about to take any mulligans. Once was enough.

1. One Sin was enough:

a. Look at **Gen 3:1-13**. Because of ONE man, Sin entered into all mankind. **Romans 5:12** Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: Once was enough. One sin, years ago doomed all mankind. It was not a “progression of sins”. Once was enough. I believe the message here is that God hates sin! Then, and now. But once was enough.

2. One Sacrifice was enough:

a. Because of that one sin, a price had to be paid. For the man’s relationship with God to be restored, a sacrifice was required. Not many, but just one. **Hebrews 10:11-12** And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered **one sacrifice for sins for ever**, sat down on the right hand of God; **Isaiah 53:6** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

3. One Saviour was enough:

a. **Isaiah 43:11** I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour. **Isaiah 45:21** Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me. **Acts 4:11-12** This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

b. **John 1:29** The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. Note, it does not say, “takes away the sins of the world, but taketh away the SIN of the world. Only one Saviour can do this. That ONE is Jesus.

4. One Salvation was enough: (John 10:22-10:28)

a. **John 10:28** And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. God not only gives eternal life, but promises that the believer will never perish. When you look up the word “never”, which occurs in Jn 10:28 in Strongs Concordance, page 715, you find it comes from four different Greek words, which spelled in the English letters are Oume, Eis, Ho, and AION. Looking up each of these words in turn in Strong’s, you find that OUME means “not at all, by no means, in no case, never. EIS means “place, time, purpose.” HO means “male, female or even neutered”. AION means perpetually, eternally.” Put the meanings of all these root words together; and you find out that when Christ said ‘NEVER’ here in this verse, it carries with it very powerful assurance – more than one word “never” ordinarily carries with it in our minds.

Looking at John 10:28 with this additional light, we could write it this way and give it the emphasis Christ did when he spoke it: “And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall NOT AT ALL, BY ANY MEANS, IN ANY CASE, IN ANY PLACE, AT ANY TIME, FOR ANY PURPOSE, WHETHER THEY ARE MALE OR FEMALE, PERPETUALLY AND ETERNALLY, ever perish.

b. When a person genuinely accepts Jesus as their Saviour, that one salvation is all they will ever need, or want. **John 3:14-16** And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. 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. **John 3:36** 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 5:24** 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.

c. Once we are saved, how can we possibly lose our sonship? **1 John 3:1-2** Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, 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; for we shall see him as he is.

d. The great thing is that God wants everyone to experience eternal life: **1 Timothy 2:2-4** For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

Once was enough. Man didn’t need to sin twice. There was no need for a second sacrifice. God did not send a secondary Saviour as Islam teaches. And when God saves us, once is enough.

One sin, one sacrifice, one Saviour, one salvation. The only other “one” to look at is the “one” sitting here today who has not accepted that “one” Jesus as their Saviour. This day, is the “one” day God has given you to receive the free gift of salvation. **2 Corinthians 6:2** (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

One decision: Accept Christ as your Saviour.

One step: Out of your seat to the front

One day: you will never forget.