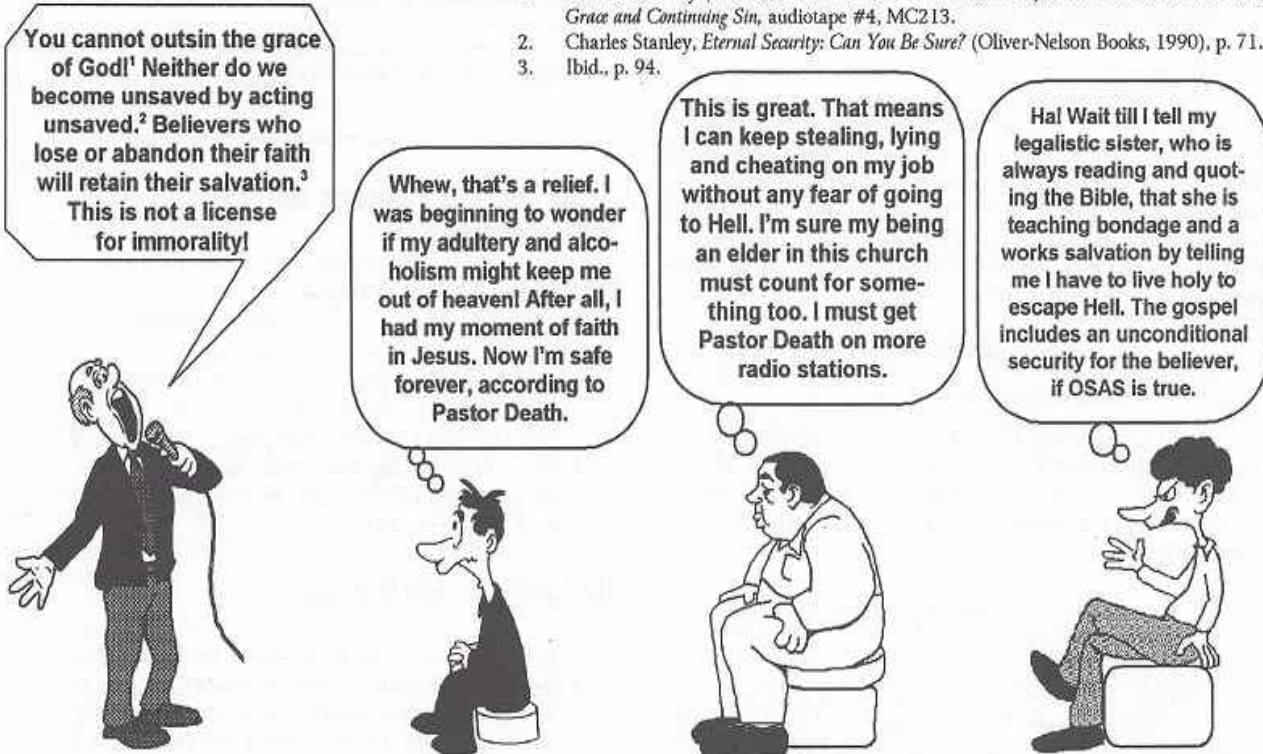


Exposing the deeds of darkness (Eph. 5:11)

1. Charles Stanley (Atlanta, GA: In Touch Ministries, 1993), *Grace: God's Second Chance, Grace and Continuing Sin*, audiotape #4, MC213.
2. Charles Stanley, *Eternal Security: Can You Be Sure?* (Oliver-Nelson Books, 1990), p. 71.
3. *Ibid.*, p. 94.



There have been people who change grace into a license for immorality ever since Jude's day. Christians are, therefore, commanded to "contend" for the faith (Jude 3,4), by exposing and refuting such teachings with Scripture (Eph. 5:11 cf. 2 Tim. 3:16). Precious, eternal souls hang in the balance over this issue of the believer's security, which is linked to the true gospel and is clearly conditional: "By this gospel you are saved, IF you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain" (1 Cor. 15:2). Remember, we are made sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus (Gal. 3:26), but that same faith can become shipwrecked (1 Tim. 1:19,20) and a believer can once again become an unbeliever (Lk. 8:13). Heb. 3:14 tells us: "We have come to share in Christ IF we hold firmly TILL THE END the confidence we had at first." See also Rev. 2:10,11 and Mt. 10:22. Drunkenness, sexual immorality, stealing, lying, mental adultery and other sins can negate one's salvation, according to Scripture (Mt. 5:28,29; Rom. 8:13; 1 Cor. 6:9,10; Eph. 5:5-7; Gal. 5:19-21; 6:8; Rev. 21:8; 21:27; 22:15; etc.). The Christian is called to a holy life (1 Thess. 4:7,8; Heb. 12:14) and good fruit bearing (Jn. 15:5,6; Lk. 13:6-9; Mt. 25:30) for his salvation's sake. How different today's "grace" message is from the true gospel of God's grace, as taught by the Lord and his disciples. See *The Believer's Conditional Security* [ISBN 0-9639076-0-3] for more information. Contact Evangelical Outreach, P.O. Box 265, Washington, PA 15301-0265. EternalLifeBlog.Com ** EvangelicalOutreach.Org