

[Moody Press: True To Its Founders?](#)

Moody Publishers or Moody Press, markets themselves as being "The Name You Can Trust." In this, Moody proposes to Christians that they are true to scripture and to Christ. Masses the world over, however, who lean their eternal hopes on the doctrine published by "The Name You Can Trust" might be astonished to find that *Moody Press should never be trusted*.

By way of example, Moody Press published *How Can You Be Sure That You Will Spend Eternity With God* (Chicago: Moody Press, 1996) by Erwin W. Lutzer. And in this book, spread around the globe by Moody Press, Dr. Lutzer wrote:

The question is not whether we can remember the day or the hour in the past, but whether our faith is in Christ in the present. Are we now persuaded that Christ met all of our obligations for us when he died on the cross (p. 129).

If you, my friend, are convinced in your heart that Christ paid your debt, and you are resting your eternal soul on Christ and nothing else, you too are saved (p. 115).

At first glance such teaching actually seems quite scriptural. Who in their right mind would argue against the idea that saving faith *must be directed to Christ alone*? Nonetheless, under color of exalting Christ, Dr. Lutzer and Moody Press may actually dethrone Christ.

You see, according to Dr. Lutzer's rhetoric, *Christ alone* is often theological code meaning that a Christian who turns and seeks salvation through some means other than *Christ alone* will still be saved. That is, "Christ alone" means that "works" of any kind or degree never affect salvation--even denying "Christ alone." I know it sounds ridiculous (and it is!), but bear with me as I illustrate. Kindly consider Hebrews 6:4-6:

It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age, if they fall away, to be brought back to repentance, because to their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace.

Now, regarding this passage Dr. Erwin W. Lutzer writes and Moody Press publishes:

We have to admit the author is talking about true Christians in this passage... Yes, believers can "fall away"... they were beginning to doubt whether Christ was fully sufficient... The point is that so long as they were returning to the Old Testament sacrifices, they could not be brought back to repentance. Understandably, they could not be brought back to fellowship with God while they were offering lambs on the alter... Yes, believers can fall away, but not to eternal damnation (p. 150).

Those who sacrifice lambs on pagan altars will be saved? Is it congruent to teach that "a wrong faith leads to destruction" yet still promise paradise to those who reject the faith altogether and prove as much by sacrificing animals on pagan altars for the forgiveness of sins? A wrong faith leads to destruction, resolutely asserts the doctor, yet the blatant rebellion and no faith of Christ rejecters leads to life eternal? What a contradiction!

Erwin W. Lutzer's teaching is a meaningless, contradictory mish-mash of theology and humanistic tradition. Contradictions are the surest sign that a teacher needs to return to studying and stop teaching others. Erwin Lutzer, Moody Press and their editors are in serious error on foundational doctrines. Do not be fooled by "The Name You Can Trust." Moody Press should not be trusted.

About the Author

Daniel LaLond's book, *The Lying Promise*, examines thoroughly the faulty notions propagated by [Moody Press](#). Specifically, it debunks Moody's unscriptural salvation and [eternal security](#) doctrines.

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