**James 5:19-20**

Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

Brethren - talking to a born again Christian - compare to Heb 3:1 "Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus"

err from the truth - a Christian who errs from the truth - Calvinists say that is not possible but this verse proves it can happen. And we've all seen it happen.

one convert him - our job is to try to win the fallen brother back to Christ - compare to Gal 6:1 "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted"

save a soul from death - if we fail to convert him back, his soul will die – that’s spiritual death - so it is possible for a Christian to lose his salvation

shall hide a multitude of sins - notice that the fallen Christian's sins are not forgiven until he is converted back, until he repents

What are some ways a Christian can "err from the truth" - thereby losing his soul?

* What about a Christian who becomes gay, or a preacher who starts teaching it is okay for a Christian to be gay? - I Cor 6:9-10 "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God." (NKJV)
* How about a saint who is divorced and remarried in violation of Matt 19:9? "And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery."
* What about a church that allows women to preach from the pulpit; isn't that erring from the truth? - I Tim 2:11-12 "Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence."
* What about a church that practices sprinkling for baptism? - Rom 6:4-5 "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection"
* What about a church that practices infant baptism? - Acts 8:36-37 - "And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."
* What about a church that teaches Once Saved Always Saved? - James 5:19-20