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Once Saved Always Saved?

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Once Saint Always Saint?

--Guess OSAS could stand for either of these views, all touchy and sensitive and some argue about.

--Today we will look at scripture that I believe addresses these topics but mainly "Once Saved Always Saved."

"LIVING AS THOUGH MADE ALIVE IN CHRIST"

Colossians 3:8-10 (NIV)

"But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self and practices, and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator"

THE MESSAGE—It wasn't long ago you were doing all that stuff not knowing any better. But you know better now, so make sure it is all gone for good; bad temper, irritability, meanness, profanity, dirty talk.

--God is waiting for your total cooperation...do your best and God will do the rest...are we doing our best?...God spits out the lukewarm.

Rev. 3:16 (NIV)—So because you are lukewarm—neither hot or cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth.

THE MESSAGE—You're not cold, you're not hot—far better to be one or the other! You are stale! You are stagnant! You make me want to vomit!

--We need to walk in faith with our feet more than we do our tongues.

--We can sing, praise, shout, call ourselves Christian and walk out the door not IN Christ!

--Outward things people see determine our reputation with man but our inner life, heart determines reputation and standing with God...what fruit is your heart producing.

--John 10:28-29 are scriptures used to try and back up once saved always saved

John 10:28 (NIV) I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.

THE MESSAGE—I give them real and eternal life. They are protected from the Destroyer for good. No one can steal them from out of my hand.

--I agree this is a wonderful promise, BUT only as Jesus meant it to be understood.

--To learn more we have to read verse 27 carefully to learn what THEM and THEY are referring to in verse 28 and 29.

John 10:27 (NIV)-My sheep listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me.

--This verse clearly describes the person who will never perish! We listen to Him, know Him and follow Him.

--The promise of never perishing does not exist in the Bible for anyone who turns away from their dedication to Christ, nor does it say under any circumstance.

--John 3:16 (NIV) For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever BELIEVES in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

--Luke 8:13 is part of the sower parable and talked about the ones who receive the Word on rocky soil. If we are like this, we BELIEVE for awhile then fall away.

--John 5:24 (NIV) Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my Word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.

--BELIEVE is a present tense word!! Meaning live in it not that we believed then just do whatever we like!

--Matthew 10:22 tells us to endure to the end and we will be saved.

--We will not be condemned as long as we keep a trusting, submitting, faith in Jesus!

--Matthew 10:33 (NIV) But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven!

--The Message says that if we turn from Him, He won't cover for us.

--At the point of salvation we receive eternal life because of faith in Christ, but that is not a license to be immoral. We possess it by obedience in Christ.

--I am a sinner! Do I Repent? Yes if we are in Christ we have to. There is the difference in being a sinner and one that WILLFULLY chooses sin time and time again.

--David was called a man after God's own heart but was clearly unsaved when he was living in immoral unrepented sin. According to I Kings 15:5, David never strayed again so he entered the Kingdom of God.

--Romans 8:1 (NIV) Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are IN Christ Jesus...some use this verse to say a Christian won't ever be condemned.

--The key word is IN Christ Jesus and verse 2 tells us to walk in the Spirit not fleshly desires...how many of us are doing that?

--I have heard this statement "God would not save us then later send us to hell. No string attached to salvation".

--Well this definitely is not the case for Judas Iscariot, an original apostle, King Saul, and others. God never forces us to faithfully follow Jesus to the end.

-Read chapters 2 and 3 of Revelation. You might be surprised by Jesus statement to the churches of those days. He had already died on the cross, saving grace had come. In spite of His blood shed, prayers for us believers, He sternly rebuked and warned Christians.

--Rev. 2:10, 3:2-5; 15-16 endure to the end and do not be lukewarm.

-Have you heard "if good deeds can't earn salvation, then bad deeds can't cause you to lose it?" I agree it is not good words that can save, but SIN can cause spiritual death.

--James 1:14-15 (NIV) ...but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desires and enticed. Then after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and sin when it is full grown, gives birth to death.

--THE MESSAGE The temptation to give into evil comes from us and only us. We have no one to blame but the leering, seducing flare-up of our own lusts. Lust gets pregnant, and has a baby: SIN! Sin grows up to adulthood and becomes a real killer.

--The Prodigal Son is a god story but even in it says he was dead and came back!

-- Ps 66:18...If we cherish sin in our hearts, The Lord will not listen to us. We say we will do better but at the same time inside we are thinking about walking right out of here in our lies, adulterous, cheating, immoral acts.

I John 3:9 (NIV) No one who is born of God will continue to willfully sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning because they have been born of God.

--THE MESSAGE People conceived and brought into life by God do not make a practice of sin. How could they? It is not in the nature of the God-born to practice and parade sin.

--you know the verses that follow this say we can tell the difference in children of God versus children of the devil by what they do. Who are we?

--This seems clear, that if we are truly saved we can't go back to same old sins again and again. Sure we mess up, but when is enough? If we remain IN Him He will eventually change us and that time can be different for all of us yet I believe we have to be real about it.

-Salvation is a gift by grace but not a license to sin. Luke 13:24 is where Jesus tells us to make every effort to enter through the narrow gate because some will not be able to.

--Some translations say "strive" and in Greek that means to agonize over doing right. Jesus never said sit back, relax and easily drift into the kingdom after being saved.

--We are in a very intense, spiritual war...2 Peter 1:5-10 tells us to add to our faith goodness, knowledge, self control, perseverance, Godliness, and love.

--In THE MESSAGE it is says good character, spiritual understanding, alert discipline, passionate patience, reverent wonder, arm friendliness, generous love.

--Another argument I hear about once saved always save is that Christians can still commit sins, but sooner or later they will repent and commit less sins, a life-long process.

--I agree on life-long process and that God is committed to changing us. Certainly some of us do become closer to God but not all. Many of us let our dedication to Christ be overcome by sensual desires, games of life, games in prison.. We disregard the Holy Spirit living inside of us so much that we are not even bothered by our sins anymore. At this point, we are followers of Satani!

--Read I John 3:9 again along with Revelation 21:8

--Think about these people in the Bible, truly saved people at one point in their lives with God's favor---Solomon, Judas Iscariot, Saul, the many disciple mentioned in John 6:66—sinned so much they never returned.

--They were right there with Jesus and walked away—how dangerous for us to keep dabbling in sin!!

--Some feel Colossians 3:3 supports once saved always saved,

(NIV) For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

--Rev. 3:16 and John 15:5-6 read similar and these are phrases conveying spiritual truths. Yet don't pick and choose some verses and leave out others because the Word says we can bit spewed out of Jesus.

--I Timothy 1:19-20.. MESSAGE...There are some that relax their grip and think anything goes and make a thorough mess of their faith. I let them wander off to Satan to be taught a lesson or two about not Blaspheming.

--2 Timothy 2:18-20..MESSAGE>Stay clear of pious talk that is only talk. Words are not mere words, you know. If they are not backed up by a Godly life they accumulate as poison in the soul. God knows who belong to Him, steer clear of evil all you who name God as God.

--Hebrews 5:9 says that Jesus became the source of salvation for all who obey Him.

--We know this not mean perfect obedience or sinless behavior is demanded. However, change comes if we truly walk with Christ.

--Once Saved Always Saved is an excuse for us to fall asleep spiritually, and get us off course for a spiritual fall.

--I Corinthians 10:12 (NIV) So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!

--I don't know about you, but I want to be warned of the possibility of not inheriting the kingdom. The Word teaches us to keep ourselves from something that would cause us to be lost. We have the responsibility of keeping ourselves IN Christ.

--The first lie in the Bible in Genesis 3:4 is proof that the devil wants us to believe in Once Saved Always Saved. "Did God really say you would die?"

--Even the Apostle Paul who wrote 2/3 of the N.T. said:

Romans 6:1-2 (NIV) What shall we say then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means!

THE MESSAGE—So what do we do? Keep on sinning so God can keep on forgiving? I should hope not!

Colossians 1:21-23 (NIV) Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in His sight.

2Peter 3:14 tells us to do our very best to be found living our best. Are we doing our best?

--Some will say this is judgmental yet I am just sharing the Word of God. I stand here and feel convicted not condemned myself.

--We are not saved by what we do, BUT we can be lost by what we do! Scripture backing this: Romans 8:13, Galatians 5:19-21, Revelation 22:19, Matthew 25:30, John 15:5-6, Luke 13:6-9

-2Corinthians 5:17 (NIV) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the news is here!

--This verse implies there will be change in our values, attitudes about sin, change our behaviors to line up with our faith...we prove our real repentance by our deeds.

-The Bible says that a Christian can become spiritually dead and lost again...look at where David, the prodigal son, and others went. These are examples of people who returned and turned their lives around. Others stayed lost after initially being saved.

--We can become enemies of God

James 4:4 (MESSAGE) You're cheating on God. If all you want is your own way, flirting with the world every chance you get, you end up enemies of God.

--Let's not be lukewarm! How can we call ourselves Christians in Christ if we act just like the world?

--There is a danger in drifting away from God, and working out our salvation. Are we going to let this world take us down its destructive path or have a purpose in Christ and walk in faith? The world will disappoint and destroy! As Christians let's try to keep our focus on God.

--We are drifting if:

1. We lose interest in God's word
2. Neglect to pray and communicate with God
3. Lose interest in church because the word says do not forsake the assembly and fellowship
4. Don't give our time and money

5. Don't share Jesus with anyone else

6. Don't feel close to God

I pray we don't drift so far that God must discipline us to bring us back. I am tired of learning lessons this way, how about you?

--Let's not wait until we are right in the middle of sin to seek God, ask Him to keep us from being tempted to sin

--I have learned God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks to us in our conscience, and shouts to us in adversity and sin. He is always pursuing us, getting our attention! He will put us flat on our backs so we can get the message!! Sometimes God permits what He hates to get what He loves---US!!!

--I have been a hedonist before, have you? A hedonist is someone who has an indulgent pursuit of pleasure as a way of life regardless of morality, etc.

--A hedonist says there is no life beyond here and now, live only for instant gratification, passing around diseases, immorality.

--A hedonist believe no truth beyond or purpose beyond our own pleasure, no divine faith or concern for eternal things.

--A hedonist says who cares? I may be bad but so what? What I d is my business. We are more concerned about satisfying our passions than in knowing our Father.

--Is it right? Is it okay to spend our days snubbing our noses at God? Living it up? NO!!

--If we live this way we stand to lose more than these stain glass windows and chapel when we dismiss God. We lose our purpose, integrity, morality and our worship, our relationship with Christ and inheritance. Read Romans 1:21-22 some time.

--Can I ask us to think about the day Christ comes? I want us in the circle of the redeemed, want Jesus to come and say I'm proud that

you let me use you, because of you others are here today. Souls step forward, we never know but they were watching, we know some but others we don't, yet we feel the same for each.

--If we want to make a difference in our world...

- ❖ Be faithful to our partners and friends
- ❖ Be the one who refuses to cheat or steal
- ❖ Be the neighbor
- ❖ Be a worker not complainer
- ❖ Don't speak one message and live another

GOD BLESS!

Hey There
Try this again!

Hugs
Love