

The Truth about Once Saved, Always Saved

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Scripture References:

- Hebrews 6:4-6, *NLT*
- Hebrews 3:13, 14, *NLT*
- Mark 6:52, *NLT*
- Mark 6:52
- Proverbs 4:20, *NLT*
- Ephesians 1:13
- Matthew 12:31, 32, *NLT*
- Matthew 12:22-32
- 1 Timothy 1:12, 13
- Ephesians 4:30-32

Summary:

There's a misunderstanding about salvation that must be cleared up. Sinful acts can't cause us to lose our salvation; however, even after we've been born again, we're still free moral agents who can choose not to give attention to God's Word or to the Holy Spirit. Having received revelation of God's love and forgiveness through the finished works of Jesus Christ but choosing to reject them outright puts us in serious spiritual danger. Understanding how God's great mercy and grace operate to keep our hearts soft and prevent us from reaching this point gives us peace.

Notes:

1. We can't sin our salvation away, but we can renounce it with a deliberate rejection of Christ. Rejecting our faith isn't easily done, but it *is* possible.
2. People who are candidates for a hardened heart are those who don't study the Scriptures and don't care about the Word.
3. When we're born again, our spirits are unaffected by sin; however, our bodies and souls *are*.
4. Sin dulls our wisdom and our understanding of who we are in the Spirit. If we persist in sin long enough, we come to a place where Satan will try to make us renounce our faith in Christ.
5. God makes it extremely difficult for us to renounce our salvation. To qualify to renounce it: we must be mature Christians who were drawn by the Spirit; we must be born again; we must be baptized by the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking fluently in tongues; we must be mature in the Word and understand the gift of righteousness by faith; and we must be operating in all the gifts of the Spirit.

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