

Captive's Corner



"Bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ"

2 Corinthians 10:5

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DOES A BELIEVER LOSE HIS SALVATION IF HE SINS?

The answer to this question is found in the very foundation of the gospel itself. When Jesus Christ died for your sins, He died for all of your sins, past/present/future. When

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you put your faith in Christ, all your debt was considered by God as paid by Him. At the same time, He gave you His righteousness. See 2Corinthians 5:21. Once you see this truth, you have your answer to your question. Salvation is God's work for and in you. The moment you trust in Him, He saves based upon a work that

He has already accomplished at Calvary. All of your sins are washed away by His blood.

Now, when you sin as a Christian, the Lord Jesus Christ does not allow you to fall away from Him. Rather, the moment you sin, He acts as your Advocate and Intercessor with the Father. See 1 John 2:1-2 and

Hebrews 7:24-25. Because He cannot fail in His work, you are kept by His power through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time - 1 Peter 1:3-5. HE SAVES YOU. HE KEEPS YOU SAVED. Even as a believer you are not perfect. To go to heaven you must be perfect. Only in Christ are you viewed by God as perfect and fit for heaven. You are in Christ through the working of God

- John 1:11-13 and

1 Corinthians 1:30;12:12-14.

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for you to continue in God's favor, when you sin as a believer Christ pleads His blood on your behalf before the Father. Instead of

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losing your salvation, God begins a work in your heart to convict you of your sin so that you will confess and enter once again into the joy of your salvation. It is a question of family discipline. If my child sins, I am still his father even though I will need to

discipline him, and he will need to confess to me before he enjoys our relationship again. So it is with God. He is still our Father even though He may need to discipline us- Hebrews 12:5-11 - and we need to confess to Him what we have done wrong so that our enjoyment of Him will be restored. Do you see this truth?

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when you have sinned and grieved Him. He will not give up on you because you belong to Him by purchase, ie. at the expense of His life here on earth. We need to see His great work and Person as a reason for us to purpose in our hearts to give our all to Him - Romans 12:1-2. Nothing short of a total

devotion of ourselves to Him will do in the light of what He has done for us. When we sin it should cause us much grief until we return to Him for restoration and comfort. We do not want to be ashamed before Him when He comes. See 1 John 2:28 - 3:3.

Thus we see that salvation is God's work for and in you. He cannot fail. We can hinder the manifestation of His work here on earth, but we cannot alter the final end of what He has promised. See Romans 8:28-30.

Sincerely in Christ,

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