



I'm Saved-Now What? How to Maintain Your Salvation in Christ

One day, we all made a conscientious decision to accept Jesus Christ as our personal savior. We said the sinners prayer asking Jesus to save us and confessing our belief in Him and His works of salvation on the cross. Then we began to live our new life in Him.

But down the road at some point, we realized that this is not an easy road to travel. We thought everything was going to be different and we had nothing to worry about-smooth sailing till we made it to heaven. But what we experienced was more problems, challenges in getting rid of the sin in our lives, and emotional ups and downs. For some, you found yourself going to the altar every Sunday repenting and getting saved all over again, because you didn't feel like you were saved any longer or had things going on in your life that you knew God wasn't pleased with. And then you began to wonder, am I really saved? For some of you, you got saved and now you are wondering what do I do now. This article is for you!

Soul Salvation is a personal possession that we must secure daily. We cannot earn Salvation. It is a gift of love from God that we received through our acceptance of Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord. Once you asked Christ to save you and come into your heart, you were saved and that is all you needed:

Romans 10:9-10

That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

According to the word of God, once you confess and believe in your heart, the Lord Jesus, you are saved. So never again question whether or not you are saved. YOU ARE SAVED. The road you must now travel is the daily road of **sanctification**, and we do this through the help of the Holy Spirit. We know that we still sin (1 John 1:10). But just as we received salvation when we came to Christ, we must maintain our salvation in Christ daily by staying in the **Word** and staying **obedient** to the very Will of God.

Sanctification is God's will for you (1 Thessalonians 4:3). The word sanctification is related to the word saint; both words have to do with holiness. To "sanctify" something is to set it apart for special use; to "sanctify" a person is to make him holy. 1 Peter 1:15 -Be ye holy; for I am holy.

Before you got saved, your behavior showed how you related to the world and was separated from God, but now that you are saved, your behavior should be a witness of your standing before God in being separated from the world. Rid your lives of ungodly things through your new walk with God. This means regular church attendance, reading your bible, and being obedient to the will of God in your life. Little by little, every day, "those who are being sanctified" (Hebrews 10:14, ESV) are becoming more like Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 -"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." As you participate in spiritual activities on a daily and regular basis, it is God who is sanctifying (purifying, consecrating, making holy) you.

There are three primary agents in the character formation or sanctification of a Christian, which is the means that God uses to change us:

1. The Word of God

Jesus said, "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth" (John 17:17) and "Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you" (John 15:3). As we read the Bible, we are encouraged to obey the scriptures, and with God's help it makes us grow in holiness. When we spend time with God in prayer and in the Word, his nature seeps through us, and causes us to change without our even realizing it.

2. The Work of the Spirit

The work of the Holy Spirit in our lives causes Christian character formation. This is described as "the fruit of the Spirit" (Gal. 5:22-23). Peter talks about "the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ" (1 Pet. 1:2). And Paul says, "If by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live" (Rom 8:13). John 16:13- The Spirit of truth will come and guide you in all truth.

3. The Fellowship of Believers

The third agent in character formation is fellowship with other Christians. That's why God made fellowship so important. The early Christians clearly emphasized the importance of fellowship Acts 2:42. He also wanted us to come together so that we always know we're not alone. We strengthen one another as we gather. Christian fellowship is essential to spiritual growth. Many aspects of our spiritual lives depend on being together with other believers to encourage, teach, serve, and share life together. We are not to neglect our fellowship with each other Hebrews 10:24-25.

If you desire prayer, contact us through our website and submit your prayer request. We would love to pray for you and believe God with you for whatever you are desiring spiritually for your life.

God Bless!