

WHAT DOES BEING SAVED MEAN TO YOUR LIFE?

In lesson one we talked about how to know that you are saved. Now we want to speak of the changes that have already happened in you if you have received Christ as your Savior, and what changes to look for in the future.

Your sins are all forgiven: God does not see your sins anymore. In **Psalms 103:12** We read that they are removed as far as the east is from the west: in **Micah 7:19** We find that they are cast into the depths of the sea. None of our sins - past, present, or future will ever be held to your account before God.

Your name is written in Heaven: **Luke 10:20** says "...rejoice because your names are written in Heaven." Our names are written in the Lambs book of life the moment we receive Christ as Savior. At the final judgement of this world we find in **Revelation 20:15** "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." That will never happen to you.

You are clothed in His righteousness. In **II Corinthians 5:21** we read "For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." When God looks down from Heaven He no longer sees you in your sin but he sees the righteousness of Christ, and He is pleased. The weakest Christian has this wonderful clothing of righteousness.

The ten commandments are written on your soul. **Hebrews 10:16** says "...I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them." What this means my friend is that you will never be comfortable again breaking God's commandments. It is true that you may still sin; however you can never enjoy sin again.

The Holy Spirit lives in you permanently. The Apostle Paul says in **Romans 8:9b** "...now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ he is none of His." The Holy Spirit will constantly reprove you when you sin; He will remind you to live a holy life; His presence will remind you that you belong to Christ; but most importantly He will remind you to put Jesus Christ first in your life. **Romans 16:7 - 11**

You have finally become a child of God. **John 1:12** says "But as many as received Him to them gave He power to become the sons of God." Before you received Christ as Savior you were a child of the devil. Jesus said in **John 8:44** "Ye are of your father the devil and the lusts of your father ye will do..." Because you are God's child you have the privilege of praying for anything that you need or desire. **John 26:24** says "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name; ask and ye shall receive that your joy might be full."

WHAT BEING SAVED DOES NOT MEAN

It does not mean that your sin nature is gone.

The Apostle Paul said in **Romans 7:19**: "For the good that I would: I do not, but the evil which I would not that I do." Christians are still able to sin. In **I John 1:8** we read "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

It does not mean that you need to do nothing about the sins that you commit each day for we see in **I John 1:9** "If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sin and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Every time you sin you should confess that sin to God indicating that what you did was wrong and that you intend not to do it again. Consider **Proverbs 28:13** "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."

It does not mean that God will overlook your sin. Look at **I Corinthians 11:32, 33** "For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world." God will punish you for each unconfessed sin while you are living.

If you have received Christ as Savior, perhaps you would like to thank God for what He has done for you since you came to Christ, and then ask for His help to keep you from sin each day.

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