

“Can I Lose Salvation?”



OPEN IT

- Have you ever had a question about God, the Bible, or Christianity that you were almost afraid to ask? What made it difficult to ask?
- When you hear the phrase “being made right with God,” what words, images, or experiences immediately come to mind?

READ IT:

- Romans 3:21-26 — We are justified by God’s grace through faith in Christ.
- Romans 8:28-30 — God’s foreknowledge, predestination, calling, justification, and glorification.
- Romans 10:9-13 — Believing, confessing, and calling on the Lord.
- Ephesians 2:8-10 — Salvation by grace through faith, not by works.
- Hebrews 6:4-6 — A difficult warning passage concerning falling away.
- Hebrews 10:19-25 — Confidence in Christ and encouragement to persevere.
- 1 John 1:9 — Confession and God’s forgiveness.
- 1 John 2:19 — A passage often considered when discussing those who leave the faith.
- Matthew 6:14-15 — Jesus’ teaching about forgiving others and receiving forgiveness.
- Matthew 18:21-35 — The parable of the unforgiving servant.
- Acts 17:22-31 — God’s revelation of Himself and His call for all people to repent.
- Romans 1:18-20 — God making aspects of Himself known through creation.

- John 20:24-31 — Thomas, evidence, faith, and believing in Jesus.
- Acts 2:37-41 — Faith, repentance, baptism, and the beginning of the church.
- Romans 6:1-4 — Baptism as identification with Christ in His death and resurrection.
- 1 Corinthians 11:23-29 — The Lord's Supper.
- Luke 11:1-13 — Jesus teaching His disciples to pray.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 — Rejoicing, praying continually, and giving thanks.
- 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 — Christian freedom, conscience, and concern for others.
- Romans 14:1-23 — Disputable matters, conscience, and honoring God.
- 1 Corinthians 10:23-24 — Freedom and seeking the good of others.

EXPLORE IT:

- In **Ephesians 2:8-10**, what does Paul say is the basis of salvation? How does this passage help us distinguish between receiving salvation and trying to earn it?
- **Hebrews 6:4-6** is one of the more difficult passages in the New Testament. What questions does the passage itself raise? How should we approach difficult warning passages with both seriousness and humility?
- Read **1 John 2:19** alongside the warnings in **Hebrews 6**. What different possibilities should we consider when someone appears to walk away from the faith? Why should we be careful about confidently declaring the eternal condition of another person's heart?
- Compare **Romans 8:28-30** and **Romans 10:9-13**. What does each passage emphasize about salvation? How can we hold together both God's initiative and humanity's meaningful response?
- In **Acts 17:22-31** and **Romans 1:18-20**, how does God make Himself known to humanity? What might be the difference between asking, "Has God revealed Himself?" and asking, "Has God revealed Himself in the way I would prefer?"
- Read **Matthew 18:21-35**. What is Jesus teaching about the connection between receiving forgiveness and extending forgiveness? How is struggling to forgive different from refusing forgiveness?
- According to **Acts 2:37-41** and **Romans 6:1-4**, what does baptism communicate about a person's faith and identity? How might this help us understand why baptism may be deeply meaningful even though salvation itself is received by grace through faith?

- Read **1 Corinthians 11:23-29**. What does the Lord's Supper teach us about Jesus, salvation, remembrance, community, and self-examination? Why might Christians use different names or practices while still centering the meal on Christ?
- In **Luke 11:1-13**, what does Jesus teach about prayer? How could someone develop a more consistent prayer life without turning prayer into another legalistic obligation?
- Read **Romans 14:1-23** and **1 Corinthians 10:23-24**. How do these passages help us think about issues where the Bible may not give a simple list of "always right" and "always wrong" behaviors? How should love for God and love for others shape our freedom?

DO IT:

- **Ask the Honest Question.** Write down one spiritual question you have been carrying but have been hesitant to ask. Bring it to God in prayer, discuss it with a mature Christ-follower, or continue exploring it through Scripture. Don't confuse having a question with having no faith.
- **2. Practice Assurance.** Spend time this week reading Romans 3:21-26, Ephesians 2:8-10, and 1 John 1:9. If you have placed your faith in Jesus, thank God that your hope rests ultimately on His grace rather than your ability to perform perfectly.
- **3. Release One Debt.** Ask God to show you if there is someone you are holding in emotional or relational debt. If possible, take one step toward forgiveness this week. Remember: forgiveness may be a process, but we can begin by surrendering our right to revenge and placing justice in God's hands.
- **4. Build a Prayer Rhythm.** Choose one ordinary moment in your daily routine—getting in the car, eating lunch, brushing your teeth, or going to bed—and use it as a daily reminder to pray. Begin simply: thank God, confess your need, and bring Him one specific concern.
- **5. Hold Convictions with Humility.** Identify one area where you have strong Christian convictions and one area where you still have questions. This week, practice both confidence and humility: stand firmly where Scripture is clear, but remain teachable where faithful Christians have understood things differently. Let your pursuit of truth lead you to greater love for God and people—not just greater confidence in winning an argument.