

## ONCE SAVED, ALWAYS SAVED?

Do you think that because of grace- the unmerited favor of YAHWEH toward you? Does it depend only on His doing and none of your doings? Does His grace give the permission to live as you please without the consequences of eternal punishment? What then does the word sanctification mean? How are you responding to the Holy Spirit's work of conviction and sanctification if you do not submit to His authority? Do you think that once saved, always saved because you walked the aisle of a church or of a tent meeting professing to accept YAHSHUA, do you think you are saved? Without transformation in your mental attitude, in your will, in your heart, think again, for there is no salvation without sanctification.

Don't you know that you were purchased with a price that compels your life's desires to surrender to the Savior and Lord, YAHSHUA? Your soul no longer belongs to you, but to the control of the One Who purchased you with His blood, with His life? One Who endured from sinners such grievous opposition and bitter hostility against Himself to save you? One Whose face and His whole appearance were marred more than any man's and His form beyond that of the sons of men to save you? One Who was rejected and forsaken, from Whom men hide their faces, One Who was afflicted by His Father, wounded beyond human ability to endure, to save you? How can anyone who says to be born again live to please the flesh in view of the sufferings of the Messiah to save us?

Don't you know that salvation is for those who persevere in the faith to the end (Matt. 24)? What does it mean to persevere in faith? It means submission and obedience; as the letter to the Hebrews says, The just will live by faith, if he draws back and shrinks in fear YAHWEH has no delight in him (Heb.10:38)? A life style lived to satisfy the desires of the flesh is not a life style of faith, for once born again, the believer is crucified to his fleshly desires, and Christ is the One Who lives in him; He breathes in him life by His Holy Spirit Who comes to live in him. The work of salvation does not end at the cross; it continues through the ministry of His Spirit.

Where do we get the idea, "Once saved, always saved"? From the chapter tenth Of John verse twenty-eight, And I will give eternal life and they shall never lose it or perish? How about the previous verse that says, The sheep that are My own Hear and are listening to My voice; and I know them and they follow Me. What does it mean to hear and are listening His voice, if it isn't to heed and obey Him, to surrender, to submit? What do you say to the verses in Romans eight verses eight and thirteen? So then those living the life of the flesh cannot please YAHWEH, or be acceptable to Him; and if you live the life of the flesh you will surely die. Once saved, always saved? How do you interpret verse twenty-nine that says, For those whom He foreknew, He also destined from the beginning to be molded into the image of His Son? Do you think that sanctification will happen in your life automatically, when you are not submissive to Him? How unfair will it be to the heroes and heroines of the faith who lived and live a life of faith in the midst of severe persecution because of their faith? Those living in countries that are closed to the Gospel of YAHSHUA, have denied self to gain eternal life; they have crucified self and have

followed YAHSHUA with unwavering faith, theirs are the victor's crown. They know that death can be imminent, but they do not consider this life more valuable than that which is awaiting them.

We, on the other hand, practice faith only on Sundays, if most on Wednesday nights, too. The rest of the week is ours to do whatever pleases us. Do you know what YAHSHUA will answer to these who practice this kind of faith, or lack of it? I never knew you! Many of us are active in church; we are teachers, healers, but the truth is that we do not have a relationship with YAHSHUA. His words, I never knew you, depart from Me (Matt. 7:22-23) will be hard and to the point. Once saved, always saved is a wrong interpretation of the truth in its entirety. Many who went before us believing this lie, has, without a doubt, being surprised with the reality. YAHSHUA said, I am the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father unless he comes through Me. Yes, He shows us the way to the Father, but no one can see the Father without sanctification. "Not I, but Christ", to receive life eternal.

Once saved, must be for the purpose of sanctification and the fulfilling of YAHWEH'S will for us, for without consecration we cannot see YAHWEH. Pursue that consecration and holiness without which no one will see YAHWEH (Hebrews 12: 14). Be holy as He is holy; by obedience to the truth you purified your hearts; you have been regenerated not from a mortal origin (I Peter 1:3). When we are born again into the family of YAHWEH, His divine Power has bestowed upon us all things that [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellency (II Peter 1:3). These were given to us in order to live a life independent from the fleshly desires. Once saved, not always saved, my friend! For if we go on deliberately and willingly sinning after once acquiring the Knowledge of the truth, there is no longer any sacrifice left to atone for sins, but a kind of awful and fearful prospect and expectation of divine judgment and the fury of burning wrath and indignation which will consume those who put themselves in opposition (Heb. 10: 26-27). Salvation carries with it the price of crucifixion, without it we are dead in our trespasses and voided of salvation. Once saved, not always saved according to the pages of Scriptures. Salvation is dependent on the work of sanctification; on perseverance of faith which leads to obedience and in the continuous abiding in the Vine. Whoever does not persevere and carry his own cross (I am crucified with Christ, live not I, But Christ lives in me) and come after Me cannot be My disciple (Luke 14:27); I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much fruit. However, apart from Me you can do nothing; if a person does not dwell in Me, he is thrown out like a branch, and withers; such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire and they are burned (John 15: 5,6).

To abide in YAHSHUA is to live a life of obedience to His Word and to submit to the work of sanctification by His HOLY SPIRIT. When we break faith with YAHWEH, and continue in that

path, without repentance and a return to Him, we are no longer in the path of salvation. Once saved, is not always saved! Arise from the ashes of lies and come to know the Truth, and the Truth will save, and free you from the bondage of spiritual lies!