

ASKING FOR A FRIEND

Tough Questions, Honest Answers

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April 12 & 13, 2025

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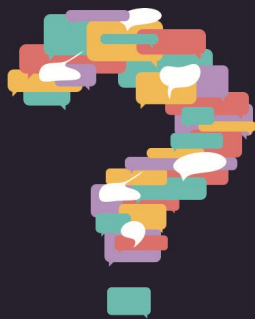
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- **Conditional Salvation:**

We are simply saved by faith alone in Christ alone, but we can choose to reject our salvation and remove ourselves from God's grace.

Hebrews 6:4-6 (NIV)

It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age and who have fallen away, to be brought back to repentance. To their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace.

“Fallen away” in Greek is *parapesontas* = Drift

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

Conditional salvation is backloading the gospel.

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I'm saved by committing my life, changing my ways, adhering to traditions, and publicly professing my faith and trusting in Jesus as well.

Romans 10:9-10 (NIV)

If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

Titus 3:5 (NIV)

He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

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Remember:

Scripture interprets scripture and NEVER contradicts itself.

Luke 24:44 (NIV)

He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

Galatians 2:21 (NIV)

I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!

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