

Once Saved *Always Saved* ?

Scripture tells us that God is the same Yesterday, Today and Forever. And He has always provided a way for those who love Him to be able to receive forgiveness and inherit Eternal Life.

Ezekiel 33:12-20 (NIV)

(12) “Therefore, son of man, say to your countrymen, ‘The righteousness of the righteous man will not save him when he disobeys, and the wickedness of the wicked man will not cause him to fall when he turns from it. The righteous man, if he sins, will not be allowed to live because of his former righteousness.’

(13) If I tell the righteous man that he will surely live, but then he trusts in his righteousness and does evil, none of the righteous things he has done will be remembered; he will die for the evil he has done.

(14) And if I say to the wicked man, ‘You will surely die,’ but he then turns away from his sin and does what is just and right—

(15) if he gives back what he took in pledge for a loan, returns what he has stolen, follows the decrees that give life, and does no evil, he will surely live; he will not die.

(16) None of the sins he has committed will be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he will surely live.

(17) “Yet your countrymen say, ‘The way of the LORD is not just.’ But it is their way that is not just.

(18) If a righteous man turns from his righteousness and does evil, he will die for it.

(19) And if a wicked man turns away from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he will live by doing so.

(20) Yet, O house of Israel, you say, ‘The way of the LORD is not just.’ But I will judge each of you according to his own ways.”

Notice, that if the righteous becomes un-righteous they can lose the gift of *Eternal Life*. Also notice that there is no mention of any Animal Sacrifice! Why? Because **OBEEDIENCE** is better than any **ANIMAL SACRIFICE**!

1st Samuel 15:22 (NIV)

(22) But Samuel replied, “Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the Lord? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.”

As for those who having been right with Almighty God in the past, yet with forethought, knowingly decide to turn back to a sinful life, what does Jesus have to say about them?

Luke 9:62 (NIV)

(62) Jesus replied, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

Even Moses knew that a person, who turned away from Almighty God, could and would have their name blotted out of the **BOOK OF LIFE**! Even though it had been written there in the past!

Exodus 32:32-33 (NIV)

(32) But now, please forgive their sin — but if not, then blot me out of the **Book** (of Life) you have written.”

(33) The LORD replied to Moses, “Whoever has sinned against me I will blot out of **My Book**.”

And, as for those who are Righteous to The End.

Revelation 3:5 (NIV)

(5) He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out his name from the **BOOK OF LIFE**, but will acknowledge his name before my Father and His angels.

Matthew 13:41-43 (NASB)

(41) “The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit Lawlessness,

(42) and will cast them into the furnace of fire; in that place there shall be **weeping and gnashing of teeth**.”

(43) “Then **THE RIGHTEOUS WILL SHINE FORTH AS THE SUN** in the kingdom of their Father. He who has an ear, let him hear!”