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Colossians 2:13-14

Colossians 2:13-14 (NASB)

¹³ "When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, ¹⁴ having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross."

As Christians, many of us know we're saved yet still wonder about eternal security. Does our behavior play a role in keeping our salvation? Examining what happened when we trusted Jesus as Savior will bring reassurance of how secure we are in Him.

Prior to salvation, we had a spiritual problem. We were born with a nature inclined to rebel against God. Our inner self consistently rejected His rule and took charge. Because of our sinful state, we were spiritually dead (**Ephesians 2:1**), under God's judgment, and destined for eternal separation from Him.

Ephesians 2:1 (NASB)

1"And you were dead in your trespasses and sins."

No amount of good works, repentance, or improved behavior could have changed our sinful condition. Our problem required a divine solution. Knowing this, God the Father provided what we needed through His Son Jesus (Hebrews 9:11-14).

Hebrews 9:11-14 (NASB)

¹¹ "But when Christ appeared *as* a high priest of the good things to come, *He entered* through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation;

¹² and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh,

¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

The day we trusted in Christ, our condition was changed from condemnation and death to forgiveness and life (John 5:24).

John 5:24 (NASB)

²⁴ "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life."

We received a new nature—one that wants to please God—and were adopted into His family (2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 1:5).

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NASB)

¹⁷ "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."

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Ephesians 1:5 (NASB)

⁵ "He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will."

His gift of salvation delivered us from eternal death, made us spiritually alive, and gave us eternal life. We cannot return to our dead, unforgiven state. Our new status as God's children is permanent because it is based on what Jesus has done.

While our behavior may not always reflect our new nature, any mistakes we make do not jeopardize our salvation. Remember, it's not our actions but Christ's work on the cross that changed everything. And nothing can undo a spiritual rebirth that came about through faith in Jesus (John 6:37).

John 6:37 (NASB)

³⁷ "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out."