

**General Topics :: What to do when you are beyond repentance?****What to do when you are beyond repentance? - posted by batheltler01 (), on: 2019/5/9 20:03**

So I made a post some time ago looking for wisdom about whether my sin had killed me spiritually.

If you care to read the post, here it is:

<https://www.christianforums.com/threads/has-my-sin-killed-me-spiritually-loss-of-salvation.8112063/>

I have come to determine with a great level of certainty that my heart has hardened past the point of repentance due to continued sin. I feel no brokenness or conviction over my sin nor do I have the desires of the Lord anymore. I find no ability to turn away from sin from a heart level like I once did. All that I am left with is severe fear of my future condemnation. As I read Hebrews, I see that my life now matches up perfectly with Hebrews 6:4, as well as Hebrews 10:26. I have spent time consulting with my pastor and other believing friends. They seem to believe that I am still a believer, but I sincerely disagree. I think they are coming around though.

As I have come to the conclusion that I am beyond repentance, my question is what is the best thing for me to do next. I cannot spend my life walking in apostasy creating greater condemnation for myself upon my death. Life is too much to live apart from Christ. There is no meaning to life other than Christ and there is no joy apart from him. I cannot continue with life apart from Christ. However, I see no other way to handle the situation other than suicide. Does anyone have any better suggestions or wisdom to give?

I know some of you may land in a more reformed camp like I once did, but there is no denial that someone can become like those mentioned in Hebrews. I have become one. What then do I do now?

**Re: What to do when you are beyond repentance? - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2019/5/9 20:21**

My suggestion is to stop listening to the devil lies.

The great lie of the enemy will be that if you aren't fully conformed to Christ's image you should just stay away. The Bible is exactly the opposite, we are to come into His presence with brokenness and thanksgiving. If you choose to trust God even though you are going through great temptations, God will save.

Don't let Satan lie to you that you must first get it right before you come to God. Don't elevate your faults over the cross. Don't make a bunch of promises that you'll do better but trust in His promises, appropriate them.

Temptations will always be there but victory is in Him. Don't let the enemy make you think that you should be over this temptation.

In Christ,

**Re: What to do when you are beyond repentance? - posted by twayneb (), on: 2019/5/9 21:41**

I agree with Ron. There is a strong deception here that is attempting to destroy you, and it is from the enemy. You said a few things here that you believe that I would like you to consider. First, that you would receive stronger condemnation upon death because of spending a life walking in apostasy. If this is what you are feeling in your heart, it is obviously from the enemy. There are not levels of punishment that differ for different sins. To be condemned is to be condemned. Secondly, you are convicted of sin by your own admission. No man who is reprobate could possibly have that conviction.

At worst you have hardened your heart through allowing sin to reign in your mortal body. But what I hear, simply through your words, is a strong deception of the enemy that has convinced you that all is lost and that has tempted you with the idea that your own life is now worthless. This is simply not true. You know you have sinned. Now know that the price was paid for that sin. If Jesus instructed Peter to forgive over and over, how much greater the grace and forgiveness of the Father. Does He expect from us what He is unwilling to give to us?

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You can allow a temptation to overtake you to the point that you are hardened in your heart. It sounds a little bit like perhaps you have been unsure of your own relationship with the Lord for a long time and that you have tried to approach God based upon your own ability to live a good and clean Christian life. I am only giving you the sense of what I am seeing through your words. It sounds to me like you have been bound by temptations that you have struggled for years to overcome, and have been unsuccessful in your own attempt.

But God can and will so transform your life that you will be free from sin and walk in victory. Don't turn away and follow the lie that you are hearing from Satan. Turn toward God and run to Him.

**Re: What to do when you are beyond repentance? - posted by isaacskeete (), on: 2019/5/9 21:49**

The sin that I committed after I was a Christian bothers me more than the sin committed beforehand, but I have to continually put my emotions aside and stand on His promises. 1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Don't wait for the "feelings" of condemnation to change before you trust in His promise. Think of Peter, sinning by denying His Lord three times, but Jesus' prayer for him was that after he fell, his faith wouldn't fail him (Luke 22:32). You too, even after you fell, trust that His blood is so rich that he will forgive and cleanse you. Bring your sin into the light and trust in His great sacrifice for you! Don't give up.

**Re: - posted by docs (), on: 2019/5/9 22:04**

I agree that someone beyond repentance would not be feeling the remorse and pangs of conscience you are. Also you may in a way trying to become reconciled to yourself. You may be thinking if I can get rid of these feelings then I could get to Christ again. It won't work good bro. Cast yourself on HIM and other things will begin to work out. He is faithful and is closer to you right now than your very own breath.

**Re: What to do when you are beyond repentance? - posted by word\_of\_god\_ (), on: 2019/5/9 22:31**

Hello sir, can I share with you briefly my testimony. My name is Elias and I have been a believer since I was 19. I lived a very wicked life and took great pleasure in sin and wickedness. I was in love with the idea that I could be filled with demons, and serve Satan and mislead others into the pit with me. I dunno how I got so low down but I'm just being honest. I was working in Alberta on the oil rigs. I made a deal with the devil and sold him my soul, I wouldn't get into all the details, but I shook hands with a demon and made a deal, and sold my soul for a certain thing, and the demons paid a certain amount for my soul. With the help of the Lord I would like to relate to you that there is hope in Christ. We have yet to be set free indeed by the Lord if we are still dabbling with known sin in our lives. I went to visit my born again parents at the age of 19, and my mom started crying when she saw me and told me I'm a devil worshipper, I knew it was true and couldn't care less. I had supper with the family and the devil made his evil presence known as we were eating and talking, I saw the look of terror on my mother's face, not for the devil, but that I was in such a state, my brother started weeping. After supper, my mother went to the garage and came to me as we were getting ready to leave and handed me a bible, I felt this is a matter of life and death and I must take the bible, I knew if I don't I will be killed. I took the bible and in a very profound way I met Christ at the cross maybe next night in a house where we did everything we shouldn't. I knelt at the cross of my King and he forgave me my sins, and I saw him there and I knelt there and he talked to me in my heart, and called me his dear dear friend. And the King was hanging on that cross, and the demons surrounded us, screaming, I could sense their presence, and their screams and rage, and praise the Lord their helplessness. They screamed the price they had paid for my soul, but the hand of the Almighty swept through that room, and I felt everything was forgiven, and I also felt him say, "lets see what he will do" I knew right there I had to make choices... I made all the wrong and bad choices. My mind was so unclear and messed up with sin, I couldn't make the right choices, I felt God calling me back to my parents, I didn't realize it was him, the car's engine blew on my way to Alberta from Manitoba, the car was in great shape with about 90,000 miles on it. I called a friend from Alberta who came and got me, I had barely gotten out of Manitoba, he had to come a long way. To shorten the story, I lived a sinful life for years, and tried to get away with many sins, I was running from God with all my heart, and at one point I felt him say to me, "expect no mercy". I didn't care, that's exactly what I wanted to hear. I lived this sinful wreckless life for a few years, I drank a lot, a lot, and did drugs, but was more of a heavy drinker, had a big problem with fear, rejoiced in iniquity, and sinned as much as I could with woman, porn, stealing, fighting, heavy drinking, whatever I could do to try to get rid of the restlessness and pain in me. I was dabbling in dealing drugs because I enjoyed it. I started coming to my senses after I watched a movie one night, and I saw that was my future if I don't change, I cried out to the Lord that night with tears, and my life started changing from there, it took a few years, as I started coming out of my pit, the Lord started revealing himself, but I still didn't want to commit, I thought I was being a qui

ter if I commit my life to Jesus. I remember one morning as I was getting ready for work, and waiting for my coffee, suddenly, I was transformed inside from darkness to light, I had done nothing to get it, it just happened. I was working for a small drilling company, I was the driller, and I can tell you it was like being in hell. I felt I was in hell, everywhere I turned there was another enemy, it looked like the earth itself had become hell, the people I worked with were like the devils servants and continually tried to trip me up and make me fall, I was in constant prayer in my spirit, constantly crying out to God, I knew of nobody that was a christian in that city, it was very difficult indeed, I was far from home, and any christian that I knew of. I felt the Lord after some time tugging me to go home and visit my parents, but I didnt do it at this time. He still had to do a work in me. I have to tell you if it wasn't for the mercy of the Lord, I wouldn't be writing this, I should have been killed at least a few times, I was involved with gangs, and there was a few times when God just had mercy on me. To shorten the story, I went home one summer for a visit, maybe 2 week visit, and that's where I fully realized it's enough. I moved back home, and went to a revival meeting, and started attending church. I've been looking to Christ and overcoming and getting close to God and the Lord Jesus, along the way I've had pitfalls and intense spiritual battles, and disobediences, and afflictions and lies of the enemy, and at times terrifying attacks, but I've always remembered one thing, no matter how bad it got, no matter what has happened, no matter how much the enemy attacked or how forsaken I felt, or that I had truly lost my salvation and was beyond hope, I remembered that God truly loved me. And now I spend time with my Lord and God, And his Son Jesus Christ, and am seated with Christ in the heavenly places. There is hope, so much hope if we will look to him and not trust in feelings but in him Himself.

**Re: What to do when you are beyond repentance? - posted by JFW (), on: 2019/5/10 7:23**

Sir,

This is not intended to discourage you ...

However, being totally honest- it doesn't seem that you were ever "saved" to begin with,...so in that since it's good news as it's impossible to "lose" something you never had-

This is not to say you hadn't had an encounter with God, and perhaps even considered following Him but from your words (testimony) it doesn't appear that you actually did.... it seems that you really "want to want to" but much like the rich young ruler, weren't prepared to give up the entitlements of the self -

This is evident also in how your frame of reference for everything is yourself. In those whom are being saved this is reversed and God becomes the point of reference for everything... we literally make Him the God of our lives by ascribing Him dominion over ourselves. When this happens it is evidenced by a pronounced decrease in the usage of "I",... which if you'll notice you employ quite frequently in both your post here on SI and the link you shared.

Again to be honest, it seems you feel entitled to self gratification and don't really want to give it up but want it some how to be ok .... you read where it says this is wrong and you know you should stop but you can't because you like it ,... you tell yourself you wish you didn't like it and weren't in bondage to it,... but really you just wish it wasn't a sin and you could indulge yourself guilt free,no?

Ok, so firstly your problem is the same as everyone else's.... you need not only saving from yourself/flesh/sin but you also need to be delivered from the identity with your body/sin/self,... otherwise the process by which Jesus purifies His people will not be complete in you and you will not be made "perfect" (which we totally should be) becoming fully mature or ripened or as Paul says it "until Christ be fully formed in you" ...

So why are you having such a hard time?

Because you are attempting to defeat sin in your flesh with your flesh,

this will never work but is quite useful to bring us to the end of ourselves...

basically you're trying to be "god" by saving yourself based on the knowledge of the law by the power of your own discipline/flesh - or to put it in another way, you are fighting a lie with another lie and it's just feeding it and like a yeast taking over. The only way to expose/defeat a lie is with the truth and the truth is that in your flesh is no good thing, your flesh will always desire to sin because it has been corrupted by sin, however you can be delivered from it and though you live in it, you can be free from the power that controls it... but you gotta want to be free. You gotta want to be free sooooo bad and not just for your sake or those round about you whom you influence, but for His namesake! So that our lives do not bring reproach on His name because of our hypocrisy! When that is our motive, God will open our eyes to see He had already set us free:)) that in order to identify with Christ the risen savior we must first identify with His death-the suffering servant- even death on a cross (ultimate public humiliation of self). That no matter how hard you try, no matter what you do, you cannot save/fix/deliver/set free your self and you need Jesus to do what only He can do... that is when you will truly want to be free from "this body of death" and will be truly ready to embrace Jesus- and that is just the beginning of "being saved" -

We grossly underestimate the effect of sin and as such we undervalue the cost of salvation -

So just like the rich young ruler, he came to Jesus looking for salvation but went away sad, consider the cost because Jesus is Lord of all and if you won't make Him Lord of "all" of you He can't save "all" of you... His blood is a fount that cleanses and purifies everything it touches...but only what it touches - and if you hold back from Him a

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n area of your life that is reserved for you to be the decider of, then His blood hasn't touched it and it remains yet unclean. And if we know this and continue to say we belong to Him, then we are just like Micah serving the tribe of Dan for ten shekels and a shirt... we make Him a means to our ends-

**Re: What to do when you are beyond repentance? - posted by MtDulcimer, on: 2019/5/10 9:36**

Hebrews 10:26 is a warning to saved, eternally-secure people. The "much sorer punishment" than being executed is not hell.

Read Hebrews 6 like this:

It's impossible for US to renew to repentance these eternally-secure saved people, who fall away, by laying the foundation all over again. They can renew themselves to repentance but we can't renew them because we have no power over their will. And we're not going to hold up the "rest of the class" by trying.

**Re: What to do when you are beyond repentance? - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2019/5/10 11:15**

"I feel no brokenness or conviction over my sin nor do I have the desires of the Lord anymore."

"Life is too much to live apart from Christ."

I do not believe that these are the statements of someone that has never had a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, but a backslider that is deeply grieved because you have lost what you once had.

It is true that a backslider that has gone for a long period of time in a condition of sin could harden their heart, being out of fellowship with God, no peace, no joy, basically miserable.

Just as the prodigal son wandered far away from his father, and got into a condition where he was in want, but he made the decision to return to his father (repentance). There is no one that is beyond repentance or the mercy and grace of God.

Those that have committed what is known as the unpardonable sin do not have any desire to repent or return to God.

The fact that you have reached out to a pastor and other believers for restoration is a clear indication that you have not reached the point where there is no repentance or forgiveness for you.

The devil is the accuser of the brethren, and his goal is to bring you under a state of condemnation, where you believe that there is no hope, and that you have gone too far.

The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin when we confess our sins to the Lord. It is not a matter of feeling forgiven, but of faith. If you would hold fast to the Word of God believing the promises of God then you will be restored to fellowship with God, His peace will return to you, as well as His joy.

There is no condemnation to those that are in Christ Jesus.

Put your faith in the mercy and grace of God. Pray that God would grant unto you the gift of repentance, which includes godly sorrow, and turning away from your sin.

You might need to find some mature brothers in the Lord that could help you and pray deliverance prayers over you.

The devil is a liar and a deceiver, and you overcome him and all of his accusations by the blood of the Lamb.

You need to know that God is for you. Seek the Lord with all of your heart and you will find Him. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

God promises that He will never leave you or forsake you, and He removes your sins and far as the east is from the west, and He will not even remember your sins any more.

Put your faith in the blood of Jesus and the righteousness that only God can give through your faith in Jesus Christ.

Re: - posted by Gloryandgrace (), on: 2019/5/10 13:52

Hi Bethelter:

A few things:

Debating whether you are a believer or not, whether you were saved at some point or not, or whether you qualify as a Hebrews 10:26 apostate is all betrayed in your post.

Apostates do not believe...you do.

Those that never knew Christ do not consider their lives and the necessity of some obedience to him...you do.

You speak of your own sin, righteousness because you know Christ was crucified for you, judgment because you know God punishes the wicked.

All that you've stated is what the Spirit of God does to convict a sinner.

But my friend, we also know there have been plenty of sinners who could recite all that you've said and they are no more saved than those in hell at this moment.

So, whether you consider yourself an unbeliever...

Or you consider yourself apostate....

Or whether you consider repentance from sin as an impossible task

You only have one option left to you.

Accept Jesus love for you despite how you react to sin, or your feelings regarding repentance or even your own logic in how you are past feeling and are now reprobate.

God's grace does much more abound.

Like brother Elias so well said...he ran from God, and to prove he was a runner, a sinner and was not cut out for Christianity he attempted to make himself vile.

This is the wonderful thing we can proclaim, God pursues us when we run from him. I don't care what your doctrinal stance is, nor does it matter. What matters is God will pursue you and will obtain from you what he wants. God's love is not quenched because of your badness, nor is God's mercies shortened because we found out we are a thousand times more sinful than we ever imagined.

When we find out how really cruddy we are...and what a raw deal it must be for Jesus to save us there is nothing left for us to acknowledge other than Jesus love for us is not quenched.

You may return to the Lord Jesus anytime, you may believe anytime, you may cast off all your own judgments and conclusions because God makes up his own mind.

God has set his Spirit to work to save you. You can surrender.

God has more grace than you know.

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**Re: What to do when you are beyond repentance? - posted by davidkeel (), on: 2019/5/10 17:59**

You could be experiencing what I'm going through. I don't like to talk about it but I've had a mental breakdown. I just glanced at your testimony and you also have had a breakdown.

It sounds like you're experiencing the mental and spiritual detachment of your life that fits in with a breakdown. And you can end up looking at verses to fit in with our experience (believing you've been rejected because you can't function spiritually.) send an email if you want to talk. It's in my profile .

**Re: What to do when you are beyond repentance? - posted by Elibeth, on: 2019/5/10 21:24**

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This Scripture was dropped into my spirit tonight for you.

Proverbs 13:12,

Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.

Praying that God will give you MUCH Grace,...ðŸ™•

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**Re: - posted by Elibeth, on: 2019/5/11 13:37**

Bethehelter,

Is this just a lesson for you?,...

If so, .... it is the hardest lesson that one could experience.

...but it is all the worth while, ...when it produces the EVERLASTING things that God wants to work IN you.... me or who ever,... righteous.

DOES He mean, NO MORE taking His pure love for granted ?.. or in vain...?... (nothingness)?

Only, He can grant you / me the ability to undo this flesh life,

We depend on His Grace.

When I cannot help myself, all I / we can do is CRY OUT TO GOD,..

telling Him, His Word is right, and I am wrong,.. and that I cannot help myself, but I know that He can,...

continually,... as the Samaritan woman that continued to knock at Jesus's door until He heard / answered her,.. knowing all the time that we deserve nothing.

... but knowing too that He is so merciful,... we, ever look to Him.

Don't ever give up,... when those thoughts come, wipe them out readily , calling on Jesus, .. our hope.

Keep your mind stayed on Him,...until your/His peace comes.

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**Re: - posted by Elibeth, on: 2019/5/11 18:22**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DKmlrlzTHXY&feature=share>

**Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2019/5/12 9:26**

Seeing most of the posts here, there are 2 kinds of reply,

1. Sine you realize that apart from Christ there is nothing interesting in life, you are still holding on to salvation.
2. You were never saved to begin with.

While I believe 2nd is a lie, 1st is not true with your case. You are right, you are lost. Just realizing the importance of salvation is not enough. Even Satan knows how great salvation is. But he is not willing to repent. Repentance has few mini steps. If we see the example of Prodigal son, there were things he did as part of repentance,

1. He first came to his senses and realized that being in fathers house even as a servant is better than longing for Pigs food.
2. He dropped the pigs food and turned towards father's house,
3. He confessed to father that he has sinned against him.

I do not believe you have come to your senses yet.

**Re: - posted by Gloryandgrace (), on: 2019/5/12 12:30**

Very wise Sree a mans salvation is not demonstrated by his fear of judgment, or some articulation of bible doctrines but by his faith.

Posts that verbally declare Jesus like betheltler but also declare an absence of love or faith set his counsellors at odds in their counsel. It must be God who reveals truth to his/her heart, then the good seed can find good soil.

The condition of the soul in this case can rarely be understood as saved. But debate over this is error, prayer and intercession with gospel truth is our duty.

**Re: - posted by davidkeel (), on: 2019/5/12 13:01**

I've been in touch with him but he's not very well. And has had a serious breakdown. He's unable to feel and respond to normal spiritual desires. And the cognitive part of his mind can't function at the moment too. He's just mentally exhausted.

**Re: - posted by davidkeel (), on: 2019/5/12 13:25**

Sorry I hope he doesn't mind me sharing but it's in his testimony that he linked us to ... I was worried that people didn't know what was happening.

**Re: - posted by Gloryandgrace (), on: 2019/5/13 11:20**

Thanks David for sharing that.

**Re: - posted by davidkeel (), on: 2019/5/13 13:12**

Thanks Marvin.

I had my own breakdown and it brought my mind to a halt, unable to respond even though the desire to operate spiritually was still there.

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**Re: What to do when you are beyond repentance? - posted by SteveHale (), on: 2019/5/13 15:44**

Brother batheltler,

Suicide is NOT the answer to your problem! There is no repentance after the act! There is no coming back to rewrite the mistake!

**Re: What to do when you are beyond repentance? - posted by narrowpath, on: 2019/5/14 14:56**

Dear batheltler01

We have not heard anything from you yet, are you ok?

**Re: - posted by batheltler01 (), on: 2019/5/15 15:53**

Sree, I believe that you are right.

There is a disconnect between my heart and mind. My mind knows I need to repent and return to the Lord, but my heart feels too hard and resistant to do so.

Is there hope that he would soften my hardened heart that I might return to him with my whole heart? Does he desire this or has he turned his back on me? If there is truly hope, I can continue, but if there is no hope of knowing Christ and my condemnation is decided, how can I go on?

**Re: - posted by batheltler01 (), on: 2019/5/15 16:03**

Steve,

I am greatly struggling to see how I have not become one who has been hardened past the point of repentance. I don't want to be one who knew the Lord and then turned away from him. But I can't seem to find true brokenness and godly sorrow over my sin anymore. My thought is that it would be better to die than to walk as an enemy to Christ. But I don't see the Lord moving in my life to help me walk in faithfulness any longer.

**Re: - posted by batheltler01 (), on: 2019/5/15 16:32**

Gloryandgrace,

Is there anything that I can do on my end in this state? I've done my best to continue in fellowship with the Body, continue in prayer and staying in the Word but I have seen no movement of my heart.

**Re: - posted by batheltler01 (), on: 2019/5/15 16:51**

For those who may be interested in gaining a larger view of my situation, I made a post on another site explaining some of the back story of how I got to this point. It is long though.

<https://www.christianforums.com/threads/has-my-sin-killed-me-spiritually-loss-of-salvation.8112063/>

**Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2019/5/15 17:07**

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One the purpose Jesus came to this earth is to show God as a father. As a father when I see my 3 year old unwilling to eat his food, I tell him stories to make it interesting. He knows that food is good for him but he just does not want to eat. I tell him that eating the chicken will build his muscles and he takes a bite and then checks his biceps! I do encourage him by telling his muscles are now visible!



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The same way if we truly confess that we have lost interest, then God the father will produce the interest in us. I have many times confessed this to my heavenly father to produce interest in his word. Sometimes reading Bible may not sound interesting to us, but we know it is the best thing to do, hence we can honestly ask the Father to produce interest in us.

Same way, pray that God the Father will rekindle the interest for his kingdom in you.

**Re: - posted by batheltler01 (), on: 2019/5/15 20:39**

Is it possible for a believer to become like Esau?

**Re: - posted by word\_of\_god\_ (), on: 2019/5/15 22:29**

Hi Batheltler. If I may, I would like to edge a word in. I've been at the place of wanting to take my own life more than once, but for Jesus sake and the Father's sake I couldn't have, I know the enemy oppresses, and you must not trust in your feelings especially at this time, The word of God is a powerful two edged sword that is able to cut deep through the heart of man, and any demon must bow at the name of Jesus. I would say to you that you ought to trust God in Jesus Christ his precious Son and because of who he is, and what he has done is your only hope, only because of who he is and what he has done for you personally is there hope. There are no feelings good or bad that you can rely on at this time, you must put your hope in the finished work of the cross and the resurrected Christ by pure faith. There is nothing that can help you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. We have one thing to cleanse us from our vileness, the precious blood of JESUS! He was made sin for us, he who knew no sin, believe it receive it and we are washed at once. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 Moreover brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you have received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you-unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received; that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures...17- And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still on your sins!... I hope and pray that you hang in there, if you hope in Jesus, and keep on keeping on, this could turn around for a greater glory to God. I truly believe the Lord will have mercy on you, your hardened sinful heart is in the way, and The Lord has to break through your unbelief and then he can begin to restore you.

**Re: - posted by SteveHale (), on: 2019/5/15 22:52**

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Brother,

Maybe you need to go back to the start/foundation! Maybe start by praying the Lord's prayer until it becomes real to you, especially where it says "Your will be done, On earth as it is in Heaven". See the greatness of God! The awesomeness of God! His almighty power! Bow before Him in the midst of that power till you can say from the depth of your heart, "Even if You send me to hell at the end, YOUR WILL BE DONE".

DO NOT throw your life away by your own hand, to the cheers of the demons and Satan who have led you to this point. But throw body, soul and spirit into the hands of your Heavenly Father who cares for you! That He may do with it as He wills!

Didn't Jesus say "For whoever does the will of God is My brother and My sister and mother"?

**Re: - posted by wijnand (), on: 2019/5/16 3:44**

I want to share part of my testimony from the last couple of months. I had a fine walk with the Lord the last couple of years and enjoyed freedom and peace of heart. Then the Lord showed me multiple areas of sin in my life that I hadn't seen before that strongly. I repented, but fell, I repented again and fell, etc.

Over and over again I saw that Christ's victory is there, but I fell because of my own selfishness. I saw Christ as precious, the great Victor, Sheppard... but my selfishness drew me to my sins.

I felt ashamed, struggling, sometimes near depression, broken. I confessed multiple times a day, but then I would fall again. My thoughts were a little bit like your's. My mind wanted God, but my heart seemed to long for sin.

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What I did? The bible says (1 john 1:9) that if we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all iniquity.

The bible says that He doesn't DESIRE anyone to be lost but that ALL BE SAVED. His death is showing these truths. I don't feel it a lot at this moment, but His word is above my feeling. I am still not blameless and sometimes sin in certain areas... but I look to Christ for my forgiveness and for victory over this. I look to Christ to change my heart more and more. Even my looking is not perfect, but still I look!

What is the fruit of the last couple of months?

- I see that I am selfish to the core and I need forgiveness and therefor the blood of Christ. I really need to remember the Lord's death.
- I see that I must stay really close to the Lord, even though I don't feel Him... because outside Him I have nothing and I am a 'monster of iniquity'.
- I see my pride is broken more and more.
- I see I trust my own strength less and less.
- The Lord is pleased to show His grace with the worst of men!
- The Lord wants to reform my mind through the word... but that's a process.
- I am less condemning to others.
- etc.

Maybe that's the reason that the Lord allows us to go to these trials. We sin, but the Lord keeps up to His promises of for giving and cleansing.

So I have only one suggestion for you: draw near to the Lord even without feeling. You cannot make yourself better or change your heart or emotions, but you can come to Him. Seek rest and peace in Him. He will show you the way out of this. He will guide you, because that's what He does.

One thing I still want to share with you.

You say: my heart is hardened, but my mind longs for God. In biblical terms is that impossible because your mind is part of your heart. So if you love God with your mind, you can't be in the category of Hebrews 6.

The same with faro and Moses. Faro's heart was hardened and it showed because his mind wasn't able to change.

But you speak of a desire to know Christ and dwell with Christ. That's impossible if you 'fell from the faith'.

So there are two possibilities:

- 1) you are not saved, but know enough to bow the knee at this moment and repent, believe and be baptized.
- 2) you are saved but because of sin and/or deception there is darkness around you and the Lord has drawn back a little bit. If that's the case then the call is again to bow the knee and to repent and believe. Believe means to go to Him and trust Him (even if your feelings aren't agreeing) and to devote yourself again to Him.

But know that we will not be perfect, so sin may come... we may fall, but read 1 john 2:1-2! That's the solution!

I hope this will be a blessing. I am not worthy to be trusted or to be listened to, but trust the Lord and listen to His word. He will not fail you nor forsake you!

**Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2019/5/16 9:54**

Once the Lord shows us how hopeless and helpless we are without Jesus, we must turn our eyes away from self and on to Jesus.

All those that call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved (delivered). (Romans 10:13)

[https://youtu.be/gYwFR8EI\\_Eo](https://youtu.be/gYwFR8EI_Eo)

**General Topics :: What to do when you are beyond repentance?**

**Re: - posted by batheltler01 (), on: 2019/5/21 18:57**

These last few days have caused me to doubt whether it is possible that could be in Christ or return.

I spoke with some brothers over the weekend that assured me that they believe that I am a believer and that there is no loss of salvation. However, I've found that when I feel confident in my salvation, I no longer seem to have any interest at all in the things of the Lord. Everything seems fine. No anxiety or fear. No sense of the reality of my need for Christ. No desire to pursue Christ. Just a desire to relax and have fun.

I've found myself feeling resistant from the heart to the Lord for the few days. Gritting my teeth at him. With a rage in my heart. I did a reading through Matthew last night with some people from church and found myself becoming angry as I was reading. My heart resisting the Scriptures and a rage against the Lord lighting in me.

It has progressively gotten worse especially today. I've had an anger today that has screamed, "I don't believe any of this. I should just leave. (the faith)" It hasn't bothered me on a deep level like it has in the past. I feel like I'm gripping onto it and leaving with all my might but the Lord is not meeting me there.

Is this spiritual warfare or have I fallen away?

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2019/5/21 19:18**

Most of the discussion on this topic centers on what the true Gospel requires of us. The biblical answer begins with repentance, faith, baptism and continued, loyal obedience to Christ. But identifying what the Gospel requires of us is not the same thing as saying what the true Gospel actually is. This list of duties correctly identifies the proper response to the Gospelâ€”not the Gospel itself.

The Gospel is a particular message of good tidings, heralded through Christ and the apostles (but only rarely by modern evangelists). It is called "the Gospel of the Kingdom" (e.g., Matt.4:23; 9:35; 24:14), because it is the proclamation of the presence of another Kingdom and another Kingâ€”one Jesus (Luke 2:10-11; Isa.52:7; Acts 17:7; 20:25). This entire proclamation can be summarized by the original Christian confession: "Jesus is Lord ." This is what one must confess, in order to be saved (Rom.10:9). It is because He is the King that we must repent (of our former neglect of His lordship), trust Him, and be baptized into His alternative, royal society. Obedience is the obvious response to Lordship:

"Why do you call me 'Lord,' 'Lord,' and you do not do what I say?" (Luke 6:46)

One is not saved by the perfection of his/her obedience, but by the determination to obey completely. This is what happens when one hears, believes, and does not rebel against the proclamation of Christ's Kingship. Baptism is the public submission to the Crown, and a pledge to loyally follow Him until death. Many reduce the Gospel to a decree of justification only. However, justification, in the context of the Kingdom of Christ, is simply the amnesty granted by the King to penitent rebels, as they return in submission to the Authority they formerly spurned.

One is not saved by 80% obedienceâ€”nor by 100% obedience (which actually is possible over short periods, by the way). One is saved by having genuinely embraced the King and the life that logically follows from having such a King. None obeys completely, but we are commanded to do so, and true disciples have every intention of doing so. Failure to obey completely is a breach of the King's law, but it is not, in itself, damning. To inadvertently violate the speed limit is not to renounce your citizenship. Likewise, a child is not disowned by his parents because he forgets to do a particular assigned chore. There is grace in this Kingdom for those whose disobedience springs from weakness, ignorance or temporary insanity (James 3:2), and not from rebellion (Matt.26:41).

The Gospel is not a message of performance-oriented acceptance with God. We are saved by the grace of the Crown, and we obey because we love the King. If we do not love the King, whatever begrudged obedience we may render is a sham. It is not salvation.

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**Re: - posted by batheltler01 (), on: 2019/5/21 19:43**

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Can salvation be lost?

I don't know how to explain the condition of my heart other than that I have lost my salvation.

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2019/5/21 20:17**

The question you must ask yourself is this:

â€œIf my salvation is lost, do I want to find it again?â€œ

Or could you care less?

The fact that you are posting all this leads me to believe that you DO care.

There is nothing you can do to save yourself. You are going to need to call on the name of the Lord for only He can save you.

But He will not be mocked. Donâ€™t call on the Lord if you have no intention of doing what He says. (â€œwhy do you call me Lord and not do what I say?â€œ) He is the King and your allegiance is to Him alone.

Your focus is on yourself- what you believe you have lost. Rather, your focus should be on Him- what has HE lost?

We come to Jesus for HIS sake, not ours.

**Re: - posted by word\_of\_god\_ (), on: 2019/5/21 20:30**

Bathelter. I donâ€™t know you, we donâ€™t know each other, I donâ€™t want to preach at you, I only want to suggest to you I believe you have a demon or demons, and the first step is to cast them out. May I suggest you find a godly humble brother who knows the lord and is filled with the Spirit, who can bring some people together, and have a prayer meeting arranged and cast them out in Jesus name. Then you can move on from there.