

"CAN I LOSE MY SALVATION?"

Ephesians 2:8-9 – God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

"Eternal security is the work of God that guarantees that the gift of salvation, once received, is forever and cannot be lost." – Charles Ryrie

1. Genuine faith causes real change.

- **Ezekiel 36:26-27** – And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations.
- **Ephesians 4:22-24** – Throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.

2. Superficial faith looks good but does not endure.

- **2 Timothy 3:5a** – They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly.
- **Galatians 5:19-21** – When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.
- The issue is not ... "Can you lose your salvation?" Instead: "Has there ever been salvation?"

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3. **Eternal faith cannot be defeated; therefore, walk in confidence.**

- **John 10:27-29** – My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand.
- **Romans 8:37-38a** – No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love.
- **Ephesians 1:13b-14** – And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him.

Coming soon:

1. **Life Group Ministry Fair:** We are better together, in community. Stop by the tables on DRC's Main St. today to find the right Life Group for you.
2. **Back to School Block Party:** DRC Students (6th-12th grade), don't miss the Back to School Block Party on Wednesday, August 20 from 6-8 pm.
3. **Serve Teams:** Discover your purpose at DRC. Stop by the Connect Center today to join a Serve Team.
4. **Asking for a Friend:** Join us next week as we continue our series. Topic: How can we have happy, healthy, and holy relationships, especially in marriage? Invite your friends.