



LIVING A NEW LIFE

A STUDY OF GALATIANS

#7: POSSESSING A NEW SPIRIT—5:1-26

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I. SCRIPTURES ASSURING MY SALVATION

My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
Galatians 2:20 (NLT)

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

1 John 5:13 (NLT)

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:1 (NLT)

II. WAYS I CAN POSSESS A NEW SPIRIT—GALATIANS 5:1-26

1. Live in the freedom of the Spirit (v.1-12)

If I trust any kind of legalism in order to be saved:

- Christ will be of no value to me
- I obligate myself to obey the whole law perfectly

For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

James 2:10 (NIV)

- I will fall away from grace because the law cannot justify me

Can a Christian “fall from grace”?

⇒ **Scriptures that suggest “once saved always saved”**

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.

John 10:28 (NIV)

And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love.

Romans 8:38-39 (NLT)

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Ephesians 4:30 (NIV)

Now all glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into his glorious presence without a single fault.

Jude 24 (NLT)

⇒ **Scriptures that indicate I can “fall from grace”**

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, if they fall away, to be brought back to repentance, because to their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace.

Hebrews 6:4-6 (NIV)

Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

2 Peter 3:17-18 (NIV)

Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, holding on to faith and a good conscience. Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked their faith. Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan to be taught not to blaspheme.

1 Timothy 1:18-20 (NIV)

⇒ **While I need to consider these warnings of scripture—I should never live in terror of losing my salvation**

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

1 Timothy 1:7 (NIV)

2. Live in the leadership of the Spirit (v.13-18)

3. Live in the lifestyle of the Spirit (v.19-26)