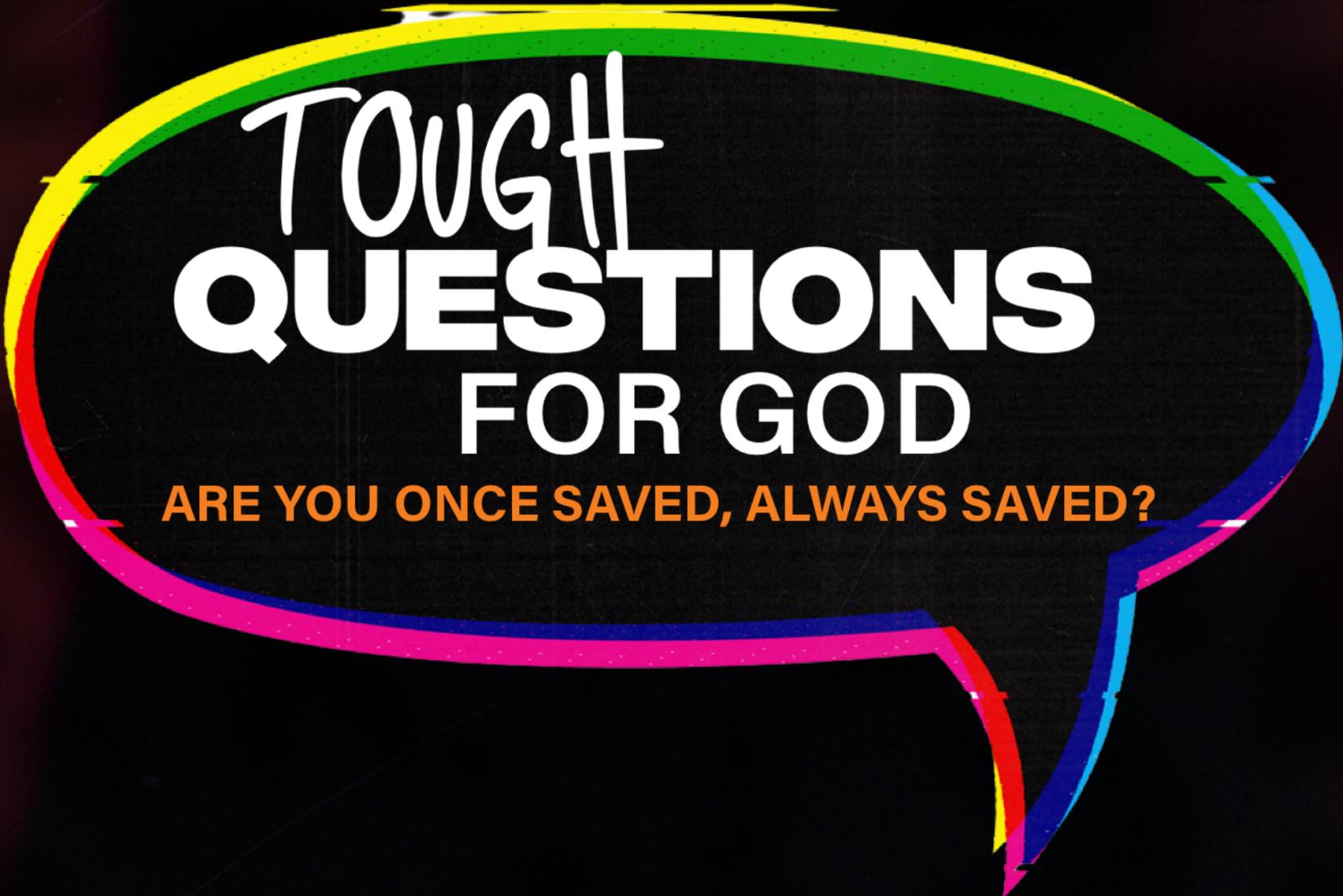


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TOUGH
QUESTIONS
FOR GOD

ARE YOU ONCE SAVED, ALWAYS SAVED?

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Are we once saved always
saved?

Romans 10:9-10

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

I. The 2 positions...

1. The Apostle Paul
connects salvation to our
FAITH!

Ephesians 2:8

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

2. The Apostle James
(Jesus' half brother),
connects salvation to our
WORKS!

James 2:14-22&26 (NKJV)

14 What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?

II. So is it works or faith?

James 2:17-21 (NKJV)

17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

18 But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!

20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?

**III. THE ANSWER IS RIGHT
IN FRONT OF US.**

2 James 2:22-24 (NKJV)

22 Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect?

24 You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.

- Justified - pure in heart or motives
- Note: go back to verse 18.

A better question is, ***“if I say I am “saved” but have not changed my actions, did I ever, really get saved?”***

James 2:18-19

18 But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

19 You believe that there is one God.

**III. What it looks like to
confess Jesus but not
believe in Him.**

Matthew 7:21-23

21“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

22 Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’

23 Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

**IV. That said, you can
give up your salvation.**

Hebrews 6:4-6

4 For it is impossible to bring back to repentance those who were once enlightened—those who have experienced the good things of heaven and shared in the Holy Spirit,

5 who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the power of the age to come—

6 and who then turn away from God. It is impossible to bring such people back to repentance; by rejecting the Son of God, they themselves are nailing him to the cross once again and holding him up to public shame.

V. So what does
salvation really look
like?

John 8:32-36

and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never yet been enslaved to anyone; how is it that You say, ‘You will become free’?” Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin.[read more.](#)

The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

Study Notes:

Romans 6:1-7

1 - What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

2 - God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

3 - Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

4 - Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

5 - For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

6 - Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

7 - For he that is dead is freed from sin.