

Title: Forever Yours

Text: *Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes **has** eternal life.* (John 6:47) **Target:** Your relationship WITH CHRIST is not based on your performance FOR CHRIST, but instead being IN CHRIST.

1. Affordance of Salvation:

- a. **Gift of God:** *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.* (John 3:16)
- b. **Grace of God:** *He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal through the Holy Spirit.* (Titus 3:5)
- c. **Guarantee of God:** *I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.* (John 10:28)

Question #1: Reflecting on John 3:16, how does understanding eternal life as a "gift" from God change the way you approach your relationship with Christ?

Question #2: Titus 3:5 reminds us that we are saved by mercy, not by works. How does this truth challenge the way you view your worthiness before God?

Question #3: John 10:28 promises eternal security. Have you ever doubted your salvation? How does this verse reassure you of God's steadfast hold on your life?

2. Acknowledgement of Sin:

- a. **Depravity of Humanity:** *Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity and in sin did my mother conceive me.* (Psalm 51:5)
- b. **Punishment of Sin:** *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.* (Romans 6:23)
- c. **Reality of Hell:** *And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.* (Revelation 20:15)

Question #4: Psalm 51:5 highlights the reality of sin in our nature. How does acknowledging this truth help you lean on Christ more deeply?

Question #5: Romans 6:23 contrasts the consequences of sin with the free gift of eternal life. How has this truth impacted the way you view the seriousness of sin and the joy of salvation?

Question #6: Revelation 20:15 describes the gravity of eternal separation from God. How does this verse stir urgency in your personal faith and your desire to share the gospel?

3. **Acceptance of a Savior:**

- a. **Work of the Cross:** *And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespass, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. (Col. 2:13-14)*
- b. **Imputation of Righteousness:** *Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy. (Jude 1:24)*
- c. **Confession unto Salvation:** *Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him and he in God. (1 John 4:15)*
- d. **Change of Status:** *To all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. (John 1:12)*

Question #7: Colossians 2:13-14 speaks of God canceling the record of our debt. How can this truth transform how you view forgiveness in your own life and relationships?

Question #8: Jude 1:24 describes God's ability to present us blameless. How does this truth shape your identity as a follower of Christ?

Question #9: 1 John 4:15 says that confession connects us to God. What does confessing Christ as Lord look like in your daily life?

4. **Affirmation of the Spirit:**

- a. **Sanctifies you:** *And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. (Phil. 1:6)*
- b. **Seals you:** *And who has also put his seal on us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. (2 Cor. 1:22)*
- c. **Secures you:** *I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one can snatch them out of my hand. (John 10:28)*

Question #10: Philippians 1:6 promises that God will finish the work He began in you. In what areas of your life do you see Him actively sanctifying you?

Takeaway: You can never recommit something you never committed, and you can never lose something that you never had.

Question #11: Are there areas in your life where you're struggling to believe in God's promises of grace, forgiveness, or eternal security? How can you surrender those areas to Him?

Question #12: What is one tangible step you can take this week to live out the truth that you are "Forever His"?

Reflection on the Fast: How is your 21-day fast going so far? What challenges have you faced, and what victories or breakthroughs have you experienced?

Encouragement in Prayer: How have your prayer times during the fast deepened your relationship with God? Is there anything you've been specifically praying for?

Spiritual Hunger: Has fasting helped you focus more on spiritual things rather than worldly distractions? What is one way God has revealed Himself to you during this time?