

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)

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)

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)

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)

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