

# L.E.A.N. Letter

## "Questioning Your Salvation?" ©

You did it! You said "Yes!", and decided to give your life to Jesus Christ. However, as that "spiritual high" wears off, and the struggles of the world set in, do you begin to question your salvation? If your heart was in the right place when you confessed with your mouth that Jesus is Lord over all, and believed in your heart that God raised Him from the dead (**Romans 10:9**), then yes, your soul is eternally saved, and you never have to question your salvation again. You are considered a child of God, and are now "co-heirs with Christ" (**Romans 8:17**).

Consider physical marriage to understand your spiritual "marriage" to Jesus, as He is called the "Bridegroom" for a reason (**Mark 2:19**). It is a perfect title (and parable) to help His people understand the union between our spirit and His Spirit. Like in physical marriage, you stand before your bride or groom, make a vow with your mouth, slip a ring on each other's finger as a sign of your heart's commitment, and there you have it. You are married. Afterwards, do you find yourself questioning if you are really married to that person? If your answer is "no", then question why you would ever doubt your "marriage" to Jesus through your salvation after following similar ceremonial steps. Should there be an area of doubt, consider these post-salvation "maintenance" steps below that may bring clarity, and remedy, to your spiritual struggles.

Now that you are saved, have you been "born again" by being fully immersed under the water through your baptism (**John 3:5-6**)? If not, this may explain why you are struggling and questioning your salvation. Your soul may be saved, but you have not "entered" into the Kingdom of God, the spiritual realm, here on earth. You lack the necessary power you need to walk in victory. Consider Jesus when He walked this earth right before His ministry began. Though Jesus was sinless and perfect, the first mention of Jesus having Holy Spirit power was not until after John baptized Him (**Luke 4:14**). He then began producing many miracles throughout the New Testament. (Note: Just like Jesus experienced testing in the wilderness right after His baptism (**Matthew 4:1-11**) so, too, will the body of Christ in some capacity. So, be on your guard for satan to tempt you during times of testing.)

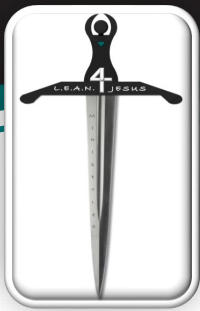
Are you confessing daily sin? Your soul may be eternally saved, which is a one-time confession between you and Jesus (through **Romans 10:9**), but confession of daily sin is another issue. The sins of the flesh are the aftermath of the fall of Adam and Eve (**Genesis 3:1-24**). This daily confession relieves you from the anchor of sin that is pulling you down, which happens when thoughts and choices are made that are not in alignment with the will of Jesus. Being saved doesn't mean your sin goes away (**1 John 1:8**). Although no longer considered a "sinner", but now a "child of God", a sin-nature will always be present and will never cease to exist until the day Jesus returns. So, until that day comes, these daily sins must be frequently confessed to Jesus through the use of His name.

Are you focusing on building a relationship with Jesus? Like in physical marriage, just because you made promises and vows doesn't mean that you don't have to nurture those commitments. Working every day to improve communication through this new partnership is essential to building a solid and harmonious life together. Keep in mind that satan is always going to keep you questioning Jesus in your life, which is why a solid relationship with open, two-way communication, is key between you and His Holy Spirit. (Reference the "Are You In A REAL-ationship With Jesus Christ?" L.E.A.N. letter.)

Are you walking in the power of Jesus Christ's name? Take your spiritual pulse. Do you find yourself speaking every other name (God, Lord, Him, He, Messiah, Shephard, and etc.) except for THE "name above every name" of Jesus Christ (**Philippians 2:9-10**)? Staying aligned with your belief in the name of Jesus Christ will keep your heart centered, and your mouth speaking your only power source...HIS NAME. When Jesus walked the earth, even He recognized while in dialogue with the Father, that it was His name that protected His disciples...not His sinless and perfect flesh. He said "I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me" (**John 17:12**). Speaking and using Jesus' name, with the authority given you, will be a game-changing moment in your daily walk with Him. (Reference the "Don't Wait 2 Hydrate" L.E.A.N. letter.)

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Are you actively seeking fellowship? The Word says "do not stop gathering together as some are in the habit of doing" (**Hebrews 10:25**). Fellowship is another important element in your walk with Christ, because it is how you keep your spirit sharpened in Truth and prepared for battle. Fellowship with another member of the body of Christ is good, but fellowship with someone who is just as spiritually mature in Christ is even better. Keep in mind that fellowship can happen anywhere and at any time other than just within the four walls of a place of worship, and a "gathering" may consist of just two or more coming together in Jesus' name (**Matthew 18:20**). (Note: It is also important to remember that although fellowship has its time and place, each person's "marriage" to Jesus is personal and not meant to be a community event. Just like in physical marriage, it is two people who become one flesh...not two people and a community as well.)

Are you being obedient? Obedience IS love to Jesus (**John 14:21-24**). Having the warm and fuzzies in your heart for Jesus (like we have for human beings) is not love to Him. Although salvation is freely given through grace, post-salvation requires actions of love...putting our faith in action, putting His Word in action (especially the Greatest Commandment-**Matthew 22:37-39** and **1 John 3:23**), and putting His name in action. Obedience is not an easy task, since it requires the daily choice to set your fleshly desires to the side, but it is the greatest, and only, way to say "I love you" to the One who granted you eternal life!

Have you consciously/subconsciously turned your back on Jesus? Once saved, you cannot "lose" your salvation, nor will Jesus withdraw "or divorce" His Spirit from yours that was forever deposited in you (**2 Corinthians 1:22**). However, you CAN turn your back on Him and walk astray from your destined path. Consider the prodigal son scenario (**Luke 15:11-32**). The son who left was still the man's son, but had to return home on his own accord, and was welcomed back when he chose to do so. Likewise, spiritually, if you who walk astray from Jesus, you are still saved, but must return back to Him upon your own accord, because it is "impossible" for the Lord to bring you back to repentance once spiritual maturity is reached (**Hebrews 6:4-6**). (Keep in mind, hell on earth may be experienced until the choice is made to turn back and re-align with His will for your life.)

Brothers and sisters in Christ, ensuring that the above mentioned is in place will keep you from the unnecessary emotional and spiritual insecurities that lead to questioning and doubting that your salvation is secured, and that Jesus will be by your side, always and forever!