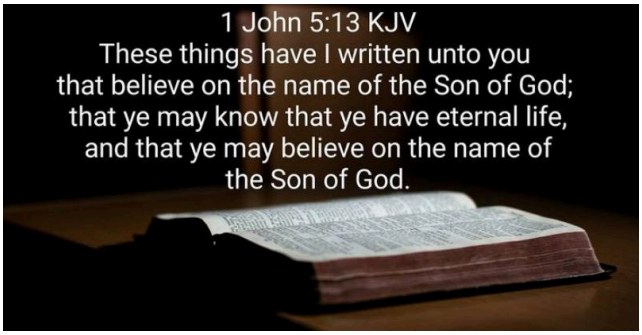
Why Catholics Are Wrong For Denying Assurance Of Salvation

A look at Eternal Security and Once Saved Always Saved (OSAS)



These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may KNOW that ye have eternal life" 1 John 5:13

Introduction:

In this article we are taking a look at the subjects referred to as **eternal security**, **assurance of salvation** and **Once Saved Always Saved (OSAS).** Catholics (and others) frequently protest about what a person CAN do (what sins they can commit) and still be saved. This is a backwards understanding of regeneration and salvation that unregenerated sinners have. Those of us who have been truly regenerated by the Holy Spirit, look at sin differently than Catholics and others seem to look at it. We who are truly "saved" by God look at sin and salvation as described below.

How a regenerated soul looks at sin and how they know they have been regenerated:

1. Regardless of what I CAN do (what sin I am capable of doing), why would I WANT to sin against a Savior who paid such a terrible price for my salvation?

2. With the Holy Spirit now dwelling in us, we see sins in our lives that we didn't see before and now want to flee those sins.

3. With the Holy Spirit now dwelling in us, we have a desire to please and serve God that we were not born with, hence, we have proof in ourselves of what it truly means to be "born again" or "born of God' or "born of the Holy Spirit", also known as being "in Christ".

4. With the Holy Spirit now dwelling in us, we have a hatred for sin and a love for HOLINESS (not just for "doing good") that we were NOT born with.

5. With the Holy Spirit now dwelling in us, we are able to RECOGNIZE false

teachings and false teachers like never before.

6. With the Holy Spirit now dwelling in us, we are able to understand the Bible like never before.

7. With the Holy Spirit now dwelling in us, we have an attraction for other like-minded believers in Christ that we never were born with, an attraction that causes us to want to fellowship together and minister to one another. This desire for Christian fellowship arises out of the fact that we are truly regenerated by the Holy Spirit – a supernatural act of God that MADE US brothers and sisters in Christ.

Why don't Catholics and others understand these things?

Catholics and other "professing" Christians don't understand regeneration and the **permanent** spiritual change it causes in a person because of what their church has taught them and also because they have not been truly regenerated by the Holy Spirit. The Bible talks about this inability to see and understand these spiritual matters here:

*"But the **natural man** [i.e. unregenerate person] receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." 1 Corinthians 2:14*

Catholics have been lied to by their Church about **assurance of salvation**. Their Church latches onto a false depiction of assurance using the term "Once Saved Always Saved" (OSAS) that is a gross mischaracterization of assurance of salvation…Catholics are wrongly taught that assurance of salvation is ***a license to sin***. True children of God are not looking for excuses to commit sin. We are looking for opportunities to serve and please God, our Heavenly Father. That is the RESULT of regeneration… our new nature as new creatures in Christ:

*"Therefore if any man be in Christ, **he is a new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17*

Summary

Catholics in particular have been lied to by their Church about **regeneration**. Their false Church has told them that they were regenerated when they were water baptized. Other professing Christians may have been taught they could lose their salvation, due to people teaching them about OSAS who pick and choose Bible verses that make it appear that salvation can be lost. Yet another group of professing Christians may not be truly saved (not truly regenerated) but only think they are saved due to reciting some prayer, walking down an aisle or performing some other preacher-prescribed act. However, in reality, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is not a result of water baptism, nor of reciting

a special salvation prayer. It is a supernatural act of God, that occurs if and when God truly saves a sinner, which for this sinner, occurred 30 years AFTER my Catholic water baptism (which they call a christening ceremony). This supernatural “new birth” (spiritual birth) can NEVER be lost or undone, any more than a physical birth can be undone. The only thing that can APPEAR to be “undone” or a falling away, is a false conversion to Christianity, where someone thinks they became saved (born again) by simply reciting some salvation prayer, when there was no true change of heart of the kind mentioned in the book of Ezekiel:

“And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh: That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.” Ezekiel 11:19-20

Do YOU have the marks and signs of a true Christian – who has been supernaturally regenerated by the Holy Spirit – as described in the 7 points above? — *RM Kane*

Praise the Lord for such great salvation and for such a precious Savior!

Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.” 2 Corinthians 9:15

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