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TIME WILL TELL

“Salvation is a posture of repentance and faith in Christ that you adopt at your conversion and maintain for a lifetime.” (Pastor J.D. Greear)

1 John 2:19, “They **went out** from us, but they were **not of us**; for if they had been of us, they **would have continued** with us. But they went out, that it might become **plain** that they all are not of us.”

Your repentance and faith are judged by Jesus at the end of your life. At that time, you will be judged to either have been a BELIEVER or to NOT have been A BELIEVER.

Two things are true at the same time –

- Once you are justified in Christ Jesus, you cannot go back to being a sinner under condemnation. Once your sins are forgiven, then ALL of your sins are forgiven. (Once saved, Always saved)
 - John 6:37, 6:39, 10:27-29, and Romans 8:29-30
- Some people will fall away from Christ, and will no longer follow him.
 - 1 John 2:19, John 6:66-71

What’s the DIFFERENCE between the two?

Some truly have faith, and some only appear to have faith. (1 John 2:28)

- The Lord knows who is who.
 - Jesus tells the parable of the sower in Matthew 13:18-23
 - Matthew 24:9-13, 10:22, and 2 Timothy 2:11–13
- However, we often cannot tell who is who. But TIME will tell.
 - 1 John 3:8-10, Hebrews 3:12-14, Romans 5:8-9, Galatians 6:7-9
- If you did repent and believe, then your future is certain, because of Christ.
 - Ephesians 1:11-14, Philippians 2:12-13, and 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10
- You are right now in the middle of a TEST. At the end of your life, when your time is up, then you will pass or fail. You are not graded until the end.
- However, you are NOT being tested as to whether or not you have ENOUGH faith. The test is if you truly have faith (pass), or if you only appear to have it (fail).
 - 2 Peter 3:10
 - Matthew 25:31-34, 41, 46

- Examples of when you PASS - Revelation 2:10, Hebrews 10:32-39, James 1:2-4, Titus 2:11-14
- Examples of when you FAIL - John 15:6, Hebrews 10:26-27, Matthew 7:15-23