

Jesus saves – meaning He saves me from committing sins any more

What does salvation mean? It means that I have been saved, that is, I'm freed, from sin:

Matt 1:21 **You will call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.**

1 Tim 1:15 **...Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners (from our sins)...**

What is sin? Doing bad things? No, it means doing my will in disobedience to God's will

Isa 53:6 **All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to our own way (will); And the LORD has laid on Him (Jesus) this sin of us all.**

Rom 6:16 **...You are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether sin resulting in death (to God) or obedience (to God) resulting in righteousness.**

What part of me needs to be saved from sin? My soul, which is my will, from self to God

Jam 1:21 **...Receive...the implanted word which is able to save your souls (from sin).**

Ps 143:8 **...Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, For I lift up my soul (that is, I submit my will) to You.**

1 Pet 4:2 **Then you'll be able to live out your days free to pursue what God wants (God's will) instead of being tyrannized by what you want (self-will). MSGE**

2 Cor 5:15 **Christ died for all so those who live should live no longer for themselves but (saved from sin, self-will) for Him who died for them and rose again.**

Since salvation means freed from sinning, then the Bible should clearly say so – it does

Ps 119:11 **I keep Your law (word) in my heart, so that I will not sin against You. TEV**

1 Pet 4:1...**Those who have suffered (and overcome their) flesh have ceased from sin,**

Ro 6:7 **...Have been freed from sin.** Ro 6:14 **Sin will not have dominion over you...**

1 Cor 15:34 **Wake up to righteousness, and do not sin...**

Jude 24 (God) **is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless (sinless);**

If, despite these clear words from God, I still insist that there is no complete salvation from sin, from self, aren't I really saying that I don't want to be, so therefore how can I ever be?

After forgiveness of past sins what begins to free me from my sinful flesh? The Holy Spirit

Rom 7:18 **I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find. (the state of a born again Christian who hasn't yet yielded to the control of God's Spirit).**

Rom 8:9 (Written to Christians) **You are not controlled by your sinful human nature (flesh) but by the Spirit, if you have the Spirit of God living in you...** NLT

But didn't I get the Holy Spirit at the new birth? No, just like the first disciples that is later

John 15:3 (Jesus to the disciples) **You (your hearts) are already clean (from sin) by the word which I have spoken to you (so they were already born again -but).**

John 14:17 **He is the Holy Spirit...The world at large...doesn't recognize Him. But you do, because He lives with you now and later will be in you.** NLT

Acts 5:32 **...The Holy Spirit whom God gives to those (Christians) who obey Him. (I receive God's Spirit by heart believing a promise from God, like this one).**

To be controlled by the Holy Spirit is to live "in Christ", meaning my will or soul is governed by Christ's Spirit in my spirit; since Christ doesn't sin, while I live in Christ I don't sin either.

Rom 8:1 **There is now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Holy Spirit.**

1 Jo 3:5-6 **You know that Jesus was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. Whoever lives in Him does not sin...(so Jesus says to us:)**

John 15:4 **Live (permanently) in Me and I in you (I don't sin, so in Me, neither will you)...**

2 Cor 1:21 **He who establishes us (securely)...in Christ and has anointed us is God,**

1 John 3:8 (Because) **Whoever sins belongs to the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil (sin, disobedience to God).**

But I still have a sinful human nature, Yes so did Christ, He died to it, when in Him so did I

Rom 8:3 **For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,**

Rom 6:10 **For the death that He died, He died to sin (not just for sins but to our sinful human nature) once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.**

11 **Likewise you also, reckon (believe) yourselves to be dead in fact to sin (to the control of sinful flesh), but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

12 **Therefore don't let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it;**

Rom 6:6 **Knowing this, that your old person was crucified with Christ, that your body of sin was done away with, so you will no longer be slaves of sin.**

7 **For those who have died (in Christ to sinful flesh) have been freed from sin.**