

“In Christ” I’m saved unless I’m tempted out of Him – but I don’t have to be

Salvation means? Being saved by Christ from sin (self-will) to righteousness (God’s will).

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

Rom 6:18 **Having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.**

Rom 6:22 **Having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, Your gain is a life fully dedicated to Him, and the result is eternal life.** NKJV/TEV

What is sin and what is the immediate result of sin?

Isa 53:6 **All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to our own way (self-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 (self) resulting in death (of your soul, your will, to God) or obedience (to God) resulting in righteousness**

When am I saved from sin, not just forgiven of past sins, but saved from further sinning?

1 Jo 3:5-6 **You know that Jesus came to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. Whoever lives in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him (because their soul died to Him the moment they sinned-they need to be re-forgiven, re-lived and start to be led by the Spirit to resume living in Christ).**

When am I “in Christ”? Rom 8:1 ...**Those who are (living) in Christ Jesus, who do not live controlled by their human nature, but live controlled by the Holy Spirit.**

If in Christ I can’t sin what is my greatest danger? Being tempted out of Christ and into sin

What kinds of sin, self-will, will try to tempt me to abandon God’s loving control of me and revert to my will, my soul, being controlled by my own sinful human nature (Rom 7:18)?

- Getting offended by someone, worse yet, withholding forgiveness from them
- Getting angry, irritated or impatient over something or someone
- Choosing the reasoning of my natural mind over God’s Spirit leading my spirit
- Becoming worried, anxious, in care, stressed or fearful over my circumstances
- Yielding to a desire for something or someone I want without God’s approval
- By a physical symptom of sickness, or by a relationship or a financial setback
- By taking matters into my own hands when I think God’s will is not being done

What are the 3 sources by which all temptations to sin, to leave God for self, come to me?

My human nature: James 1:14 **But each one is tempted when they are drawn away by their own desires** (the wants, appetites of their human nature) **and enticed**.

Other people: Prov 1:10 **My child, if sinners** (or Christians) **entice you, do not consent**.

The devil who God says rules this world: Matt 6:13 **And lead us** (by Your Spirit), **not into temptation, but** (away from it and so) **deliver us from the evil one** (the tempter).'

In what form will the temptation come? It's always by a thought, regardless of its source

Prov 23:7 **Because as a person thinks in their heart, so are they...**

2 Cor 10:5 **...Bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,**

2 Cor 2:11 **To keep Satan from getting the advantage over us; for we are not ignorant of his thoughts.** AMP

Matt 6:25 (Jesus) **I say to you, Take no thought...(a wrong thought into your heart) KJV**

What provisions has God made to always cause me to overcome every tempting thought?

1 Cor 10:13 **No temptation has come upon you that is not common to man. God is faithful and He will not allow you to be tempted above your ability (in and by Him) but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape that you may be able to endure it. (What are God's ways to escape tempting thoughts?)**

By the fear of the Lord – God's word – in my heart: Jer 32:40 **...I will put My fear in their hearts so that they will not depart from Me.** Prov 15:33 **The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom** (the instruction of God's living words in my heart)...

Jam 1:21 **...Receive with meekness the implanted word** (of God, the fear of the Lord), **which is the power to save your souls** (your will from sin, from self-will).

By the mind of Christ – the Holy Spirit – in my heart communicating God's thoughts to me:

1 Pet 4:1 **Arm yourselves also with the same mind** (as Christ) **for those who suffer human nature** (and by the Holy Spirit overcome it) **have ceased from sin. :**

Jer 20:11 **Thoughts I think toward you are thoughts of salvation** (from sin, self);

Rom 8:16 **God's Spirit speaks to my spirit**...(communicating to me His thoughts)

By ongoing belief of God's words and obeying His Spirit, to remain righteous and shielded:

Rom 10:10 **With the heart one believes** (God's words) **resulting in righteousness**

Rom 6:16 **...Obedience** (to God's Spirit) **resulting in righteousness.**

Ps 5:12 **For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround them as with a shield** (being kept by angels – Psa 91:11).

By Spirit led Prayer: (Pray daily) Mat 6:13 **Lead me** (by Your Spirit) **not into temptation, but away from temptation and so deliver me from Satan** (and called the tempter)

By inspired thanks: Ps 8:2 **Out of our mouths...You have ordained praise that You may silence** (the thoughts of) **our enemy** (Satan)... **By God...giving thanks** Heb 13:15

By inspired speaking: 1Pet 4:11 **If anyone speaks let them speak inspired utterances from God**... Mark 11:23 **whoever says to this mountain 'be removed and be cast into the sea'...will have whatever they say.** (As God creates the fruit of their lips).

By dying to self: Rev 12:11 **They overcame the devil by the blood of the Lamb** (the Holy Spirit) **and by the word of God in their confession, and they did not love their lives to the death** (of Christ's cross, believing by His death they died to sin.)