

*I am ashamed living in sin. I have guilt and fear and don't know if I will be forgiven. I have asked Jesus to remove demons from me. Can I be assured of salvation?*

Persistent rejection of the Holy Spirit throughout one's life is blasphemy. Only God can forgive sin so when one continually rejects God, he will go into a Christless eternity. If one does not resist the Holy Spirit in this way, he can be forgiven (Mk 3:28–30).

Shedding tears but continuing in sin is not genuine repentance. When one accepts Jesus as his Lord and savior, he turns from sin and toward God in faith (Ac 9:35).

Repentance precedes justification. The apostle Paul wrote: For godly grief produces a repentance not to be regretted and leading to salvation, but worldly grief produces death (2 Co 7:10, HCSB).

Those who have repented live holy lives (2 Ti 2:20, 21). They walk in the light (1 Jn 1:7–9).

God loves each person; but, he will live without an individual if that is his choice. The apostle John wrote: God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them (1 Jn 4:16).

God has chosen everyone (2 Pe 3:8-10). It is for everyone to choose him in kind (Josh 24:15–28).

The Christian cannot be demon possessed (Mt 4:24, Mk 1:32, 5:1–5) because the Holy Spirit lives in him (1 Co 3:16–17). God controls (Ro 8:9) and strengthens him (Ro 8:10, 12–14).

Those who honor God are saved (Pr 3:9; Ro 12:1; 1 Co 6:20). Those who do not must seek him (Mt 6:33) with all their: heart, soul, mind and strength (Mk 12:30).