

Comment 1:

Living God's plan for us. What if we don't?

Comment 2:

Not hearing that still small voice.



1. Spend silent time with God.

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake.

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¹² After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

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Luke 5:16, But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.



2. God is more concerned about the condition of the heart.

<u>Acts 13:22</u>, After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'

2. God is more concerned about the condition of the heart.

John 14:15, If you love me, keep my commands.



3. Go ahead and make a decision!

Proverbs 3:5-6

 ⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
⁶ in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.



4. Remember things always go according to God's plan.

James 4:13-15, ¹³ Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." ¹⁴ Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. ¹⁵ Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."

5. Get involved in what the Lord is doing.



Comment 3:

Can you lose your salvation?



"The perseverance of the saints means that all those who are truly born again will be kept by God's power and will persevere as Christians until the end of their lives, and that only those who persevere until the end have been truly born again. (Grudem)"

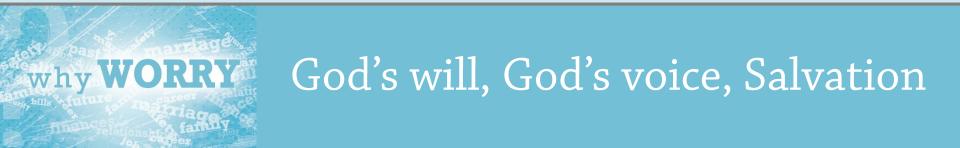


1. Those truly born again will persevere to the end.

John 6:39-40, ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁰ For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.

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John 10:27 – 29, ²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.



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<u>1 Peter 1:5</u>, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

Eph. 1:13-14 talks about the Holy Spirit acting like a seal or guarantee of our salvation.



2. Those who persevere to the end have truly been born again.

"If you hold to (continue in) my teaching, you really are my disciples. (John 8:31)"

"The one who stands firm to the end will be saved. (Matt.10:22)"

"if you continue in your faith. Col. 1:23."

Heb. 3:14, We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end.

3. Determine if you have genuine faith.

Matt. 7:21 – 23, ²¹ "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' ²³ Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

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Hebrews 6:4-6, ⁴ It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, ⁵ who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age ⁶ and who have fallen away, to be brought back to repentance. To their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace.

