



Questions and Answers Series

Struggling with your Salvation Experience?

Question: I feel like my salvation process is gradual, some days I feel like a Christian and some days I find myself struggling to keep up and stay away from things I used to do before. Is my salvation questionable?

Thanks for your sincerity about your experience of salvation. Your struggle is legitimate and almost everyone that is saved at some point, experienced a kind of struggle similar to yours. It is because when we become "**new creatures**" in Christ, our old nature will struggle, and we do feel it. So, it is good you pointed out your struggle with the things of the past; that is evidence that your conscience is now awakened to sin. By now, you feel that you lose God's presence on your spiritually-down days. Also, you asked the question because you probably feel you shouldn't die on those bad days. Rather than judge your experience, we should deal with it with a new question; How can you can be stabilized in daily victory through Christ? You need three things: **faith, grace and love.**

Faith: You are saved by faith; you will live by faith (Romans 1: 17). You will need to go past feelings, and live every day by the faith in Jesus that saves you. Always remember how you gave your life to Jesus and repented of those sins of the past. You can grow in faith by continuing in prayers and faith. See your experience as travailing in birth until Christ is formed in you. The end of the struggles is Christ formed in you (Galatians 4:19).

Grace: Grace helps the Christian life (Hebrews 6: 16), and it comes at different levels along the needs of your Christian life. Saving faith is by **saving grace** (Ephesian 2: 8). Your faith can only be sustained by **daily grace** like the daily manna for the Israelite pilgrims in the wilderness (Hebrews 4: 16). The big part is your struggle to stay away from things you used to do. If those things still come back to tempt you and you struggled and you did not yield to the temptation, that is a victory. Grace has helped you. If you are falling for it every time, you need higher level of grace to overcome it. It is time to start praying for **more grace** (James 4:6).

Love: A proven way to stabilize your daily victorious experience is having the love of God spread abroad in your heart. It is the level of **sanctifying grace**. "**Above these things put on charity, the bond of perfectness**" (Colossians 3: 14; 1 Corinthians 12: 31; 13: 1-8). This is one of the blessings you get when God sanctifies your heart. Sanctifying grace is the higher level of grace that brings the fullness of God into your heart. Love is evidence of the experience that signifies our oneness with the Trinity. Love for God overcomes your struggle of self with God. Love for God brings heaven to your heart. Love for God brings love for His creation and children to your heart. Love for God prepares you for more of God's power through the Holy Spirit's baptism.

If you are experiencing these struggles, it is true evidence that you are born again; never give up. Your struggle does not imply the absence of God, in you but your need to dig deeper into God. Intensify your faith by intentionally growing in grace. Be praying for daily grace, more grace, and the experience of sanctifying grace.

DISCUSSIONS:

What levels of grace do we need to stabilize ourselves in the travail of the new birth?

PRAYERS