

Once Saved Always Saved

When Adam and Eve transgressed God's sole command concerning the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, they experienced a genetic change in themselves and this they passed down to their children and their children's children and so on to this day. As a result, people throughout time, having a sin nature, lived and died estranged from God.

When Christ died for the sins of all mankind, it had a retroactive effect going back in time to Adam and Eve. As through the one, Adam, all sinned, so, through the one, Christ, many shall be made righteous.

Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon **all men**, for that **all have sinned**:

18 Therefore as by the offence of one (Adam) [judgment came] upon **all men** to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one (Christ) [the free gift came] upon **all men** unto justification of life.

19 For as by one man's disobedience (Adam) many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one (Christ) shall many be made righteous.

NOTE: "by the righteousness of one (Christ) [the free gift came] upon all men unto justification of life." (just as if we had never sinned)

Christ made the gift of justification *available* to all men, free for the asking.

NOTE: "So, by the obedience of one (Christ) shall many be made righteous." The free gift came upon all men, but not all will be made righteous as not all will accept the gift. In fact, the majority of humanity will refuse the offer of eternal salvation. However, some will ask and receive the gift of salvation, being made righteous, justified: just as if he/she had never sinned. These individuals are the Body of Christ. You have a chance to wipe your slate clean in the eyes of God, should you choose.

Romans 8:1 [There is] therefore now no condemnation **to them which are in Christ** Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

A gift available is not a gift taken.

A gift bought and given is not a gift accepted.

Once a person finds justification to salvation by simply asking, turning to God, they receive God's Spirit resulting in a permanent change: they become a new spiritual creation. It is a change from the inside out. Some refer to this transformation as being "born again" to describe this new spiritual life.

Once changed, the old has passed away. **There is no provision to put on the old man once again.** The Changed man or woman is eternally changed as God's gift of new life is irrevocable.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man [be] in Christ, [he is] a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.