



Erased From Salvation

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BIG IDEA:

Without the Spirit, salvation becomes a self-powered effort rather than a Spirit-driven transformation.

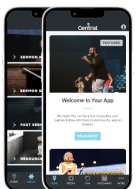
KEY SCRIPTURES:

Justification: Romans 3:23-24, 1 Corinthians 6:11, John 3:5-6

Sanctification: 2 Corinthians 3:18, Galatians 5:16-25

Glorification: Philippians 3:20-21, Romans 8:11, 23, Ephesians 1:13-14

1. Have you ever been convinced you could handle something on your own, only to realize you were struggling unnecessarily? What happened, and how did it change your approach to asking for help?
2. Read Romans 3:23-24 and 1 Corinthians 6:11. Without the Spirit, salvation can feel like a personal rescue mission—trying to prove our worth and fix ourselves. Have you ever gone through a season where faith felt more like striving than resting in God's grace? In the sermon, you heard about the mistake of seeing the Holy Spirit as a force rather than a person. How do you view the Spirit in your life? Do you relate to Him as a person, or do you struggle with seeing Him as a vague presence?
3. Read John 3:5-6. Jesus says that salvation is a work of the Spirit, not human effort. What are some ways you may try to be "good enough" for God instead of trusting in what Christ has already done?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 3:18. Paul describes sanctification as a transformation that comes from the Spirit. What does this say about the difference between self-improvement and Spirit-led transformation? Have you ever tried to overcome sin in your own strength and felt stuck?
5. When we erase the Spirit from sanctification, faith becomes a moral checklist rather than a Spirit-led journey. Have you ever felt like the Christian life was about "trying harder" rather than growing in grace? How does understanding the Spirit's role change that?
6. Read Ephesians 1:13-14. Without the Spirit, glorification becomes uncertain. Instead of anticipating Christ's return, we start fearing whether we've done enough. How have you seen this kind of uncertainty affect people's faith?
7. Read Philippians 3:20-21. Paul reminds us that our citizenship is in heaven and that Christ will transform us completely. How does the promise of glorification give us confidence in the present?
8. The Spirit's work in justification, sanctification, and glorification means that salvation is not something we carry—it's something we receive. As we close, what is one area where you need to stop striving and start surrendering to the Spirit?



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