

## Ask Me Anything Week 1

**Question #1 - I just saw the testimony of a lady who says she's a born again Christian. She claims that she went to hell for presumptuous sin but God allowed her to come back and tell people. Her testimony was that she had presumptuous sins that can lead to hell. Is this true?**

Psalm 19:13 (ESV) - Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Psalm 19:13 (NLT) - How can I know all the sins lurking in my heart? Cleanse me from these hidden faults. Keep your servant from deliberate sins! Don't let them control me. Then I will be free of guilt and innocent of great sin.

### Two types of sin in Psalm 19:

- **Hidden sin - unintentional, secret, or accidental**
- **Presumptuous sin - these are deliberate and intentional**

Biblical example of presumptuous sin – David committed adultery with Bathsheba and then had her husband, Uriah killed so that he could have her for his own.

### •Presumptuous sin does not end our relationship

**with God but it does great damage to our fellowship with God.**

Isaiah 55:6-7 (NLT) - Seek the Lord while you can find him. Call on him now while he is near. <sup>7</sup>Let the wicked change their ways and banish the very thought of doing wrong. Let them turn to the Lord that he may have mercy on them. Yes, turn to our God, for he will forgive generously.

### •All sin can be forgiven but true repentance is required.

1 John 1:8-10

**Question #2 – How do you talk to a person who says they believe but do not live it?**

**Two possibilities regarding their salvation:**

### 1) They are not really saved

John 12:37-40    2 Peter 2:20-21    Matthew 7:21-23

### 2)They are saved, but they have never grown in their faith

Hebrews 6:1-6 - So let us stop going over the basic teachings about Christ again and again. Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding. Surely we don't need to start again with the fundamental importance of repenting from dead works and placing our faith in God. <sup>2</sup>You don't need further instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. <sup>3</sup>And so, God willing, we will move forward to further understanding.

<sup>4</sup> For it is impossible to bring back to repentance those who were once enlightened—those who have experienced the good things of heaven and shared in the Holy Spirit, <sup>5</sup> who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the power of the age to come— <sup>6</sup>and who then turn away from God. It is impossible to bring such people back to repentance; by rejecting the Son of God, they themselves are nailing him to the cross once again and holding him up to public shame.

### •A true believer will believe right, behave right, and love right.

**How do I talk to someone who says they are a Christian but does not show it in the way they live?**

### •Start with opinion questions rather than accusations.

Matthew 16:13-16

There are so many different viewpoints and denominations within Christianity. Have you ever wondered about which one is most right?

Do you think most Christians live out their faith based on the Bible or on what they have seen at their church or heard from other people?

Have you ever thought about what it will be like the moment you die?