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Welcome to God's Family, beloved! Once we receive Christ as our Lord and Savior, we begin to work out our salvation with fear and trembling (Philippians 2:12). It is important to emphasize here that we do not work for salvation, but do need to work it out when we get saved. The Holy Spirit enables us to do this. Many have been made to believe that receiving Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is all that is required to make it to Heaven and have eternal life, regardless of the lifestyle one chooses to live. This is not true. The truth is that all does not end with just a short prayer of salvation. Making a decision to receive Christ is the starting point of our blissful relationship with God. Christ will never turn His back on those who believe in, and receive Him (John 6:37, Matthew 18:11-13). That said, a person who claims to have received Christ may very well do

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the *turning* directly or indirectly, when they reject His Lordship altogether. He or she is then said to have left the Faith by choice. Jesus Christ clearly said that not all who say they believe and follow Him will make it to Heaven, unless they do the will of the Father (Matthew 7:21-27). It takes some time to get to the point where we finally reject Christ and depart from Him, but it is possible. The Bible speaks of it as, "A dog turning back to its own vomit" (2 Peter 2:20-22). Gladly, our Father is delighted to have us in His loving arms, when we stray, but repent and find our way back to Him like the prodigal son (see Luke 15:11-32).

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