

What If ??????????

You're rolling along one night during your Bible study time in small group... People are interacting and really getting into the discussion that has to do with following Christ and living for Him in a world that has rejected truth and holy living. Because it's the start of a new year, during your prayer time several people are honest enough to share that they'd really like to do better in their walk with the Lord this year. They confess some areas where they need to repent and grow. At that moment someone else in your group in an effort to encourage them says, "Well, don't be too hard on yourself. Just remember, 'Once saved, always saved.' If you've asked Jesus into your heart or if you've walked the aisle at church then you're OK and going to heaven, regardless of how you live. We're grace based here."

You have 5 minutes to decide how you should proceed and you *must* have at least one verse to motivate / guide your decision.

- If we're saved by grace does it matter how we live? Why? What Scriptural support can you give?
- Describe what it means to be 'grace based' and yet still expect people to grow spiritually and walk in obedience.
- What role does grace play in our growth or progressive sanctification?
- What Bible passages guide us regarding the issue of faith and works and the issue of progressive sanctification?