

Once

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Once as it relates to **our spiritual condition before we surrendered to Jesus**; and what the word means as it relates to **what Jesus did and accomplished for anyone who will surrender to Him**.

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Once as it relates to every person's spiritual condition before they surrendered their life to Jesus...

- **Romans 11:30**
 - For as you were once disobedient to God
- **Ephesians 2:1-3**
 - ... who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.
 - dead in sins, once walking according to the world, directed by Satan, lustful conduct, children of wrath, "I'm not that bad" — God doesn't lie

**If we fail to recognize how wretched we were *apart from Christ*,
we'll never be truly thankful or transformed once we are *in Christ!*
"saved a wretch like me, lost, found, blind, see!"**

- **Ephesians 2:11**
 - Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh... that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.
 - once gentiles, without Christ — Jew first, came to lost sheep house of Israel
 - aliens from commonwealth — separated blessing, protection, Kingdom of Israel
 - strangers to covenants of promise — no rights or claim to promises of God
 - without hope — strong language, no hope of any kind, anywhere in the world
 - without God — worshiping self, idols etc. — godless!
- **Ephesians 5:8**
 - For you were once darkness...
 - **Matthew 4:16** sat in darkness and the region and shadow of death...
 - **John 3:19** men love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil...
 - **Acts 26:18** men need to be turned from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God... darkness, death, evil and Satan.

- **Titus 3:3**

- For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

Summary — Once disobedient, dead, lustful, children of wrath, without Christ, aliens, strangers, hopeless, without God, darkness, foolish, deceived, hateful... just to name a few things.

**Apart from surrendering to Jesus,
mankind is completely and hopelessly spiritually bankrupt,
void and lost, that's a biblical fact.
No hope of any kind of salvation and eternal life apart from Jesus, none!**

- **John 15:5**

... *without Me you can do nothing.*

- **John 8:24**

• *Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.*

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Once as it relates to what Jesus did and accomplished for us...

- **Romans 6:10**

- For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all...

- Jesus died once for all, everybody — so no one needs to die in their sins!

- **Romans 5:8**

- But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us...

- **Hebrews 7:27**

- (Jesus) who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.

- Jesus sacrificed Himself once for all, everybody, it was enough, "it is finished."

- **Hebrews 10:14**

- For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified...
perfected forever in heaven, those being made holy on earth!

- **Hebrews 9:12**

- Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

- Jesus entered the Most Holy Place, the very Presence of God once, for all, to offer the one sacrifice that secured eternal redemption, freedom from sins power and penalty over our once sin-dominated, hopeless lives!

Summary — Jesus was sacrificed ONCE, He died ONCE, He entered God's Presence ONCE, to make us perfect and holy in God's sight, He secured our eternal redemption, sat down at the right hand of God! (Hebrews 10:12)

- **Hebrews 9:28**

- ... so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

- as surely as Jesus came the first time to bear our sins, He's coming a second time to bring salvation and deliverance to those who eagerly wait for Him... ONE DAY CLOSER!

One more once

- **Hebrews 9:27**
 - And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.
 - God has appointed that everyone will die once, indisputable fact; next fact is that's when you will stand before Him to be judged based on what you did, with Jesus who is your only hope.

Interesting... Satan's first lie to mankind is that they wouldn't face judgment....

- **Genesis 3:4**
 - Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die."
- **Psalm 10:13**
 - Why do the wicked renounce God? He has said in his heart, "You will not require an account."

**God will require an account,
you will be judged based on what you did with Jesus,
who is your only hope...
reject or accept???**

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