What it Means to be Forever Sanctified

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Forever sanctified = washed from past sins and made holy forever*
*Forever = from this point in time onwards for infinity

This timeline represents particular points in an individuals life leading towards eternity.

Sinner/Unholy (i.e. "Unsaved")	Saint/Holy (i.e. "Saved")	Sins a sin unto death & either repents of & confesses their sin or refuses to (i.e. falls from grace & is restored to a state of grace before God or remains un-restored)	Stands before the Judgement Throne of Christ (Christ decides where they will spend eternity)
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The following timelines represent two ultimate destinations of the same individual.
In the first one, the person repents and is restored to a right relationship with God after falling from grace. In the second, the person never repents, and remains in sin forever.

Black = the individual prior to ever having sinned (violated a known moral law)
Red = the individual while in sin and on their way to hell
Green = the individual's point of turning from sin back to God
Blue = the individual while saved from sin and sanctified, on their way to Heaven

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You'll notice both timelines show the individual who, after "getting saved", sins in a major way (such as apostasy). This is not a slight "slip up." This is what the bible calls "a sin unto death". The individual has actually changed their ultimate intention of heart–a choice they have made–from living for God, to living for themselves. They have, in their heart of hearts, rejected God's Law, and/or Word, and/or Spirit. They have made the choice to reject God, and serve someone or something else, instead. They have fallen from grace–the grace that once justified them by faith. They are no more in relationship now, with God than Satan was, when he presented himself before the presence of the LORD in Job 1:6-12; 2:1-7. They may or may not acknowledge God, talk to God, or hear God's voice. But the choice is clear - they are no longer living for Him. They have gone back into sin, and are counted a sinner, just as if they were never sanctified.

In the 1st timeline, after this rejection of God, the individual confesses and repents of their sin, changing once again their ultimate intention of heart, putting faith in Christ for forgiveness and restoration to God. They are restored once again to a state of grace before God and put in right relationship with Him. They are made holy (sanctified) from that point onwards, for infinity. None of their past sins are remembered against them, nor will be, forever.

Sinner/Unholy (i.e. "Unsaved")	Saint/Holy (i.e. "Saved")	Sins a sin unto death and later confesses and repents of their sin (i.e. falls from grace and later is restored to a state of grace before God)	Stands before the Judgement Throne of Christ (Christ decides where they will spend eternity)
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In the 2nd timeline, after the individual rejects God, they never choose to confess and repent of their sin. They choose instead, to keep it. Though they really had been sanctified forever, they forfeited through an ultimate intention of heart the holiness they had once attained to, and chose, like a pig, to return to the mud, and a dog to its own vomit.

Sinner/Unholy (i.e. "Unsaved")	Saint/Holy (i.e. "Saved")	Sins a sin unto death and refuses to repent of and confess their sin (i.e. falls from grace and remains un-restored to a state of grace before God)	Stands before the Judgement Throne of Christ (Christ decides where they will spend eternity)
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