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In life it is hard to come across people who used to believe in Christ and now Don't. They could come from a family of born again Christians and not profess they don't believe. It makes me stop to think did they ever believe? I ask this because the Bible is clear:

Ephesians 1:13-14

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¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

Our promised guarantee. The adversary cannot take it away so once save always saved:

Romans 8:38-39

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³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,^[a] neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Another translation says snatch us out of His hands. So not possible so what is going on? They could have never believed in the first place or still believed but have doubts. In the days of Jesus there were non-believers in the church all the way up to the very priests. We will be surprised when we get to heaven and don't see some who were in the church with us. Never made the transaction but pretended. What also can be happening is like John the Baptist he had doubts at the end. After all, he grew up in the church son of a priest. He heard that the savior would free them politically. Well Jesus had something bigger than the Roman Empire on his mind to free us from. But towards the end he sent some of his followers to Jesus:

Luke 7:20

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²⁰ When the men came to Jesus, they said, "John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?'"

He was in prison and scared and now doubting. God says this is ok; we can also so remember when someone is made at God and turns their back it could be doubt. Understand them and help them.

Walking with Him,

Chaplain Tony

