

A Assurance of Salvation

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Satan may try to get you to doubt your salvation. He may cause you to wonder if you really are a Christian, and tell you that because you do not **feel** any different than before, nothing really happened.

And then, you might sin. You might slip back into your old ways. Satan is quick to sow the seeds of doubt by telling you that Christians don't sin.

When doubts come, **what will your answer be?**

The purpose of this study is to teach you that by accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour, you are saved now and forever – and you can **KNOW** it for certain!

WHAT IS MEANT BY "ASSURANCE"?

By "assurance of salvation" we mean the intellectual and spiritual certainty that you belong to God, that you possess eternal salvation.

A. Look up: *II Timothy 1:12*.

The "key words" in this verse are K _____ and P _____

B. Look up: *I John 5:13*.

1. On the basis of this verse of Scripture, would you say God wants you to have **assurance of salvation**? _____

2. What word in this verse indicates this? _____

WHY DO I NEED ASSURANCE OF SALVATION?

A. Assurance brings us _____. *I John 1:4*

B. Assurance brings us C _____ before God. *I John 3:19,21*

C. Assurance brings us C _____ of Heart. *Colossians 2:2*

D. Assurance brings us _____. *James 1:8* (*Use your own words.*)

- E. Assurance enables us to O _____ the World. *I John 5:4,5*
- F. Assurance enables us to effectively serve the Lord by telling others about Jesus.
Read the following Scriptures: *John 1:40,41; John 4:28,29; and Acts 16:10.*

WHAT IS THE BASIS OF ASSURANCE OF SALVATION?

Many Christians base their assurance of salvation upon personal FEELINGS.

The problem with this is that feelings change. One day you may feel saved; the next day, through circumstances, you may not feel saved.

You have something MORE than feelings to go by — the UNCHANGING WORD OF GOD.

Look up: *I John 5:11,12.* Write this Scripture out in full.

Circle the following two words in the above verses: "RECORD" and "HATH"

There are three grounds for your assurance:

A. The PERSON Of God.

According to *Titus 1:2*, God cannot _____.

GOD SAID IT — THAT SETTLES IT!!

B. The PROMISES Of God.

1. According to *John 5:24*, God says I _____ everlasting life, I _____ come into condemnation.
2. According to *John 6:37*, because I came to Jesus Christ, He will in _____ cast me out.
3. According to *Romans 10:13*, those who call upon the Name of the Lord _____ be saved.

These are just a sample of the positive statements, put in writing, by the God Who cannot lie!

C. The PRESENCE Of God.

1. According to *Romans* 5:5, when we are saved, God gives us His _____, Who dwells in our hearts.
2. According to *Romans* 8:16, the Spirit of God bears _____ with our spirit that we are in fact God's children. See also the first part of *I John* 5:10.

HOW MAY I KNOW I AM SAVED?

Here is a Bible checklist:

- A. I **KNOW** I Am Saved Because I _____ ED On The Lord Jesus Christ. *Acts 16:31*
- B. I **KNOW** I am saved because I _____ the Son. *I John 5:12*
- C. I **KNOW** I am saved because I have a love for the _____. *I John 3:14*
- D. I **KNOW** I am saved because I desire to keep:
God's _____. *I John 2:3*
- E. I **KNOW** I am saved because I desire to turn from the W _____ and all its sin. *I John 2:15*
- F. I **KNOW** I am saved because I am _____ ing the world. *I John 5:4*
- G. I **KNOW** I am saved because I have the _____ of the Spirit within. *I John 5:10*

WHAT BRINGS ASSURANCE OF SALVATION INTO MY LIFE?

It is possible you may have doubts from time to time. Just remember that Satan is a LIAR (*John 8:44*), and his first recorded words in the Bible were casting doubt upon God's Word (*Genesis 3:1*).

Here are some ways you can get assurance, or deepen your assurance in what God has done for you:

A. Learn The Word Of God.

Your salvation is based upon what God has said — not upon how you think or feel. Thus it is important for you to read and study the Bible.

Read: *II Timothy 3:14,15*.

B. Thank God For His Gift Of Salvation.

According to *Romans 6:23*, you have received the GIFT of _____ Have you thanked God for this gift yet? Thanksgiving is evidence of faith. Read: *II Corinthians 9:15*.

C. Make A Public Testimony Before Others.

1. Have you told someone that you have trusted the Lord Jesus Christ? Look at *I John 4:15* and see the relationship between confessing Christ and assurance.
2. Read: *Matthew 10:32* and *Romans 10:9,10*.

One way you can confess Christ publicly is to come forward at the "invitation" in one of our Church services. The pastor will gladly introduce you to the Church.

D. Attend Church Services As Much As Possible.

Fellowshipping with your brothers and sisters in Christ will encourage you. Many of them have experienced the same doubts you may have. *Hebrews 10:25* commands this, while *Hebrews 10:22* talks about assurance.

E. Live A Righteous Life.

Sometimes a full assurance does not come until God sees we mean business for Him.

According to *Isaiah 32:17*, the effect of _____ is quietness and _____ for _____. See: *Proverbs 10:9*.

Remember, your peace and assurance is based upon believing God's promises and **not** on your feelings.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I SIN?

- A. Look up: *I John 1:8*. Is it possible for a Christian to sin? _____
- B. Look up: *I John 2:1*. Does God want a Christian to sin? _____
- C. Look up: *I John 1:9*. If a Christian sins, what is the one thing we are to do about it? C _____ it to God.
- D. Look up: *I John 2:1* again. When I sin, Who appears before God the Father in heaven on my behalf? _____ the Righteous.
- E. Look up: *I John 1:6,7*. In your own words, what does a Christian lose if he sins?

CAN I EVER LOSE MY SALVATION?

- A. *John 10:28* says we shall _____ perish.
- B. *John 10:29* says no man is _____ to remove us from God's hand.
- C. *John 6:37* says God will in _____ cast out those who come to Christ.
- D. *John 6:39* says the responsibility of keeping us saved is the Lord's, not ours, and that Christ can _____ nothing.
- E. *John 5:24* says the kind of life I now have is _____.
- F. *Romans 8:38,39* says that nothing can _____ us from the love of Christ.
- G. *I Peter 1:5* says we are _____ by the _____ of God.
- H. *Jude 24* says Christ is able to _____ us from _____.
- I. *Philippians 1:6* says that Christ will continue His good _____ in us until the _____ of Jesus Christ.
- J. *Ephesians 1:13* says our salvation has been _____ with the Holy Spirit.

- K. *Ephesians 2:8* says that our salvation is the _____ of God. A gift taken back by the giver is **no** gift.
- L. *Ephesians 2:9* says that we have done nothing to gain salvation. If we have done nothing to gain it — we can do nothing to lose it!
- M. According to *Ephesians 2:2,3* and *I John 3:10*, before we were saved we were in the control of Satan. Now that we are saved, we have a new relationship with God.

God is our heavenly _____ . *Romans 8:15*

Christians are the _____ of God. *I John 3:1*

In our earthly family, when a child does wrong, his parents do not cast him out of the family and disown him. They will correct and chasten their son — but he is still their son and a member of that family.

When a Christian sins, he is not cast out of God's family, thus losing his salvation. However, like any loving father, God may _____ the erring Christian. *Hebrews 12:6*.

“Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine,
O , what a fore-taste of glory divine.
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.”

READING ASSIGNMENT:

If you have finished reading the Gospel of John, now read through the first epistle of John (*I John*). This Book is found towards the end of the New Testament.

MEMORIZATION:

Try to memorize: *I John 5:11,12*.