

A Assurance of Salvation

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Satan will 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 some of 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. Based on this verse of scripture, would you say God wants you to have assurance of salvation? YES NO

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 OUR 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 *must* have something *MORE* than feelings to go by. And you do! The UNCHANGING WORD OF GOD.

Look up: *I John 5:11-12*. Write this scripture out in full.

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

There are three grounds for your assurance of salvation:

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 __ __V E everlasting life, and 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 __ __ __ __ __ (not "might") be saved.

These scriptures are just a sampling of the positive statements — *put in writing for your assurance* — 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 permanently dwells in our hearts.
2. According to *Romans 8:16*, the Spirit of God bears _____
with our spirit (through the Word of God) that we are in fact God's
children.
See: I John 5:10^a.

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 _____
(my brothers and sisters in Christ) — *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
wickedness — *I John 2:15*.
- F. I **KNOW** I am saved because I am _____ ING the world and its
influence on my life — *I John 5:4*.
- G. I **KNOW** I am saved because I have the _____ of the Spirit within
(through the Word) — *I John 5:10*.
- H. I **KNOW** I am saved because my life is evidencing good _____ — *Matthew
7:17-18*.
- I. I **KNOW** I am saved because I hear the Lord's _____ (through the
Word of God) and desire to _____ Him — *John 10:27*.

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*). His first recorded words in the Bible were to cast doubt upon God's Word (*Genesis 3:1*).

Here are some ways you can receive assurance or deepen your assurance in what God has said and what He 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:

Romans 6:23 says 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* to see the relationship between confessing Christ and assurance.
2. Read: *Matthew 10:32* and *Romans 10:9-10*.

You can publicly confess Christ by testifying in one of our church meetings when testimonies are called for.

D. ATTEND CHURCH MEETINGS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE:

Fellowshipping with your brothers and sisters in Christ will encourage and strengthen you. Many of them will have experienced the same doubts as you may have. Remember, *Hebrews 10:25* commands faithful church attendance — in the context of *Hebrews 10:22*, which talks about assurance.

E. LIVE RIGHTEOUSLY:

Sometimes a full assurance does not come until 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 of salvation 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? YES NO
- B. Look up: *I John 2:1*. Does God want a Christian to sin? YES NO
- 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. (This means to agree with God's estimation of the sin.)
- D. Look back at: *I John 2:1*. When I sin, Who appears before God the Father in heaven to advocate 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 life I have received 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 under the power 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 families, when a child does wrong, its parents do not cast him or her out of the family and disown him. They will correct and chasten their child — but he or she is still their son or daughter and a member of that family.

When a Christian sins, he or she is not cast out of God’s family and forfeit his or her salvation.

However, as with any loving father, God will ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ the erring Christian to restore him to fellowship — *Hebrews 12:6*.

*“Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine,
O, what a foretaste 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, begin reading through the first epistle of John (I John). This book is found toward the end of the New Testament.

MEMORIZATION:

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