

### LESSON 3: ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

Satan may try to get you to doubt your salvation. He may cause you to wonder if you are really a Christian, and tell you that because you do not feel any different than before, nothing really happened. And then you will disobey God in some way. You might slip back into some of your old ways. Satan is quick to tell you that Christians don't sin. The purpose of this study is to teach you that by accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, you are saved now and forever - and you can KNOW you are saved for eternity!

#### 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 2 Timothy 1:12

The key words in this verse are K\_\_\_\_\_ and P\_\_\_\_\_

B. Look up 1 John 5:13

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

2. What word in this verse indicates this? \_\_\_\_\_

#### WHY DO I NEED ASSURANCE OF SALVATION?

A. Assurance brings us \_\_\_\_\_ 1 John 1:4

B. Assurance brings us \_\_\_\_\_ before God. 1 John 3:19, 21

C. Assurance brings us \_\_\_\_\_ of heart. Colossians 2:2

D. Assurance brings us \_\_\_\_\_ James 1:8 (use your own words)

E. Assurance enables us to \_\_\_\_\_ the world. 1 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 1 John 5:11,12. Write this Scripture out.

Circle the following two key words in the above verse "RECORD" and "HATH" (if your version of the Bible is different, circle the words that mean the same)

There are three reasons for your assurance as given below:

### 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 1 John 5:10.

## HOW MAY I KNOW I AM SAVED?

Here is a BIBLE checklist:

A. I KNOW I am saved because I \_\_\_\_\_ on the Lord Jesus Christ.  
Acts 16:31

B. I KNOW I am saved because I \_\_\_\_\_ the Son. 1 John 5:12

C. I KNOW I am saved because I have a love for the \_\_\_\_\_. 1 John 3:14

D. I KNOW I am saved because I desire to keep God's \_\_\_\_\_.  
1 John 2:3

E. I KNOW I am saved because I desire to turn from the \_\_\_\_\_ and all its sin. 1 John 2:15

F. I KNOW I am saved because I am \_\_\_\_\_ the world. 1 John 5:4

G. I KNOW I am saved because I have the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit within. 1 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), 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. Therefore, it is important for you to read and study the Bible. Read 2 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 2 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 1 John 4:15 and see the relationship between confessing Christ and your 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 meetings. The pastor will gladly introduce you to the church.**

### **D. Attend church meetings 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 your feelings.**

## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I SIN?

- A. Look up 1 John 1:8. Is it possible for a Christian to sin? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Look up 1 John 2:1. Does God want a Christian to sin? \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Look up 1 John 1:9. If a Christian sins, what is the one thing we are to do about it? \_\_\_\_\_ it to God.
- D. Look up 1 John 2:1 again. When I sin, Who appears before God the Father in heaven on my behalf? \_\_\_\_\_ the Righteous.
- E. Look up 1 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 that the responsibility of keeping us saved is the Lord's not ours, and that Christ can \_\_\_\_\_ nothing.
- E. John 5:24 says that kind life I now have is \_\_\_\_\_ .
- F. Romans 8:38,39 says that nothing can \_\_\_\_\_ us from the love of Christ.
- G. 1 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 1 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. 1 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 the family.**

**When a Christian sins, he is not cast out of God's family, thus losing his salvation. However, like any loving father, God will \_\_\_\_\_ the erring Christian. 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, now read through the First Epistle of John (1 John). This book is found towards the end of the New Testament.**

#### **MEMORIZATION:**

**Try to memorize 1 John 5:11,12**