

## Assurance of Salvation Outline

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## Assurance of Salvation

Satan tries to:

- Get you to doubt your salvation
- Cause you to wonder if you are really a Christian
- Tell you that because you don't **feel** any different than before (nothing supernatural happened), nothing really happened.

Why does Satan do this?

So that then you might sin, might slip back into your old ways.

Satan is quick to sow the seeds of doubt by telling you **Christians don't sin.**

***Don't let your self feel defeated! Don't give up, keep following the Christian Life.***

Ephesian 4: <sup>31</sup> Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: <sup>32</sup> And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

***The assurance of salvation prevents a crisis of confidence. Kinda like children – parent relationships, husband – wife relationships. God doesn't give up on us and we don't give up on him just because things get tough (we sin).***

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!

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT CONCEPT. Without it, we tend tell feel defeated (since we all tend to sin), give up and just slip back into your old ways.

Other religions and denomination of Christianity use this guilt to control, enslave their congregations to their religion/denomination.

**OK, Lets study!**

## A. 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?**

- **Intellectually** - II Timothy 1<sup>12</sup> For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I **know** whom I have believed, and am **persuaded** that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

The key words are: KNOW and PERSUADED.

- **Spiritually** - I John 5<sup>13</sup> These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may **know** that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

On the basis of this scripture, does God want you have assurance of salvation?

**YES**

The keys words are that “ye may **know** that ye have eternal life”

## B. Why do I (as a frail human being) need Assurance of Salvation?

- I John 1: <sup>4</sup> And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

Assurance brings us **JOY** (it relieves our anxiety)

- 1 John 3: <sup>19</sup> And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. <sup>20</sup> For if our heart condemn us (GUILT?), God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. <sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.

Assurance brings us **CONFIDENCE** before God

- Colossians 2: <sup>2</sup> That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

Assurance brings us **CONFORT** of Heart (how to understand this crazy world and what's happening around us)

- James 1: <sup>8</sup> A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

Assurance brings us **STABILITY**. It makes us confident.

- I John 5: <sup>4</sup> For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

Assurance enables us to **OVERCOME** the World.

- Assurance enables us to effectively serve the Lord by telling others about Jesus:
  - John 1: <sup>40</sup> One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.
  - John 4: <sup>28</sup> The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, <sup>29</sup> Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?
  - Acts 16: <sup>10</sup> And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

## C. What is the basis of salvation?

Many Christians base their assurance of salvation upon personal FEELINGS.

The problem with this is that your feelings change. One day you may feel saved. The next day due to circumstances, you may NOT feel saved

You have something MORE than feelings to go by – the unchanging WORD OF GOD:

**1 John 5:** <sup>11</sup> And this is the **record**, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup> He that **hath** the Son hath life; and he that **hath** not the Son of God hath not life.

There Are **THREE** grounds for your assurance:

- **The Person of GOD**

- Titus 1: <sup>2</sup> In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot **lie**, promised before the world began;

GOD CANNOT LIE – That settles that!

- **The Promises of GOD**

- John 5: <sup>24</sup> **Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.**
- John 6: <sup>37</sup> **All that the Father giveth (ask for explanation) me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.**
- Romans 10: <sup>13</sup> For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

These are just samplings of the positive statements – put in writing by the God who cannot lie.

- **The Presence of GOD**

- Romans 5: <sup>5</sup> And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

God gives us His HOLY GHOST who dwells in our hearts.

- Romans 8:<sup>16</sup> The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.

The Spirit of God bears witness with our spirit (thru the Word of God) that we are in fact God's children.

**God's witness of Jesus Christ has always been given in scripture which leads is substantiated in:**

I John 5:<sup>9</sup> If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. <sup>10</sup> He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

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## D. How may I know I am saved?

- I know I am saved because **I believed** on the Lord Jesus Christ
  - Acts 16:<sup>31</sup> And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.
- I know I am saved because I **HATH** the Son
  - I John 5:<sup>12</sup> He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.
- I know I am saved because **I have a love for the brethren.**
  - I John 3:<sup>14</sup> We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.
- I know I am saved because I desire to **keep God's commandments.**
  - I John 2:<sup>3</sup> And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.
- I know I am saved because I desire to **turn from the World** and all its sin.
  - I John 2:<sup>15</sup> Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

- I know I am saved because I am **overcoming the World**.
  - I John 5: <sup>4</sup> For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.
  
- I know I am saved because **I have the witness of the Spirit within me** through the Word
  - I John 5: <sup>10</sup> He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.
  
- I know I am saved because my life **is evidencing good fruit**.
  - Matthew 7: <sup>17</sup> Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. <sup>18</sup> A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.
  
- I know I am saved **because I hear the Lord's voice** (through the word) and **desire to follow Him**.
  - John 10: <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

## E. What Brings Assurance of Salvation Into My Life?

It is possible you may have doubts from time to time (AM I REALLY SAVED?) **Just remember Satan is a liar**

John 8:44 [Jesus speaking to the Pharisees] <sup>44</sup> Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

And satans's first recorded words in the Bible were those casting doubt upon God's Word:

Gen 3:1 <sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

- **Learn the Word of God**

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

II Timothy 3:14 -15 <sup>14</sup> But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; <sup>15</sup> And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

- **Thank God for His Gift of Salvation**

Romans 6:23 says you have received the gift of **ETERNAL LIFE**.  
<sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Have you thanked God for this gift? Thanksgiving is evidence of FAITH!  
II Corinthians 9:15 <sup>15</sup> Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

- **Make a Public Testimony Before Others**

- 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 (of your salvation):

I John 4:15 <sup>15</sup> Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

- Read:
  - Matthew 10:32 <sup>32</sup> Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.
  - Romans 10:9-10 <sup>9</sup> That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Besides coming forward in church to confess to others your belief in Christ, do you tell others that you believe in HIM?

- **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 have.

Read the great passage in Hebrews 10: <sup>22</sup> Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) <sup>24</sup> And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: <sup>25</sup> Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

- **Live a Righteous Life**

**Sometimes** a full assurance does not come until we mean business for Him!

According to Isaiah 32:17 <sup>17</sup> And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever. The effect of righteousness is quietness and **assurance for ever**.

Proverbs 10:9 <sup>9</sup> He that walketh uprightly walketh surely: but he that perverteth his ways shall be known.

Remember: your peace and assurance of salvation is based upon believing God's Promises and Word... Not on your feelings.

## **F. What Happens if I sin? This is important because this is what makes most Christians feel defeated – that they are not saved!**

- **Is it possible for a Christian to sin? YES** Look up I John 1:8

<sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

- **Does God want a Christian to sin? NO** Look up I John 2:1

<sup>1</sup> My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

- **If a Christian sins, what is the one thing we are to do about it? Confess it to God.** Look up I John 1:9

<sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- **When I sin, Who appears before God the Father in heaven on my behalf? Jesus Christ.** Look up I John 2:1

<sup>1</sup> My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

- **What does a Christian lose if he sins? Fellowship with other Christians.** Look up I John 1:6, 7

<sup>6</sup> If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, **we have fellowship one with another**, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

## G. Can I Ever Lose My Salvation?

- John 10:28 <sup>28</sup> And I give unto them **eternal life**; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.
- John 10:29 <sup>29</sup> My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is **able** to pluck them out of my Father's hand.
- John 6:37 <sup>37</sup> All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in **no wise** cast out.
- John 6:39 <sup>39</sup> And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should **lose nothing**, but should raise it up again at the last day.
- John 5:24 <sup>24</sup> Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath **everlasting life**, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.
- Romans 8:38 – 39 <sup>38</sup> For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, <sup>39</sup> Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, **shall be able to separate us** from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- I Peter 1:5 <sup>5</sup> Who **are kept by the power of God** through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
- Jude 24 <sup>24</sup> Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

- Phillipians 1:6 <sup>6</sup> Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun **a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:**
- Ephesians 1:13 <sup>13</sup> In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were **sealed with that holy Spirit of promise**, [sealed with the Holy Spirit].
- Ephesians 2:8 <sup>8</sup> For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:
- Ephesians 2:9 <sup>9</sup> Not of works, lest any man should boast. **[If we can do nothing to gain it, how can WE lose it?]**
- Before we were saved we were under the control of Satan: Ephesians 2:2-3

<sup>2</sup> Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: <sup>3</sup> Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

### **God is our heavenly father.** Romans 8:15

<sup>15</sup> For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, **Father**.

### **Christians are the Sons of God** | John 3:1

<sup>1</sup> Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the **sons of God**: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

In our Earthly family, when a child does wrong, his parents do not cast him out of the family and disown him. They correct and chasten their child... but the child is still a member of the family. When a Christian sins, they are not cast out of God's family, thus losing their salvation. However, like any loving father, God will **chastize** the erring Christian to restore them to fellowship (Hebrews 12:6)

<sup>6</sup> For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

**Memorize:****1 John 5:**

<sup>11</sup> And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup> He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

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