

## ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

Many new Christians are surprised to find that shortly after they receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, doubts begin to arise in their minds. They soon begin to wonder if God has really forgiven them, and if they truly are on their way to heaven. Let me assure you that these doubts are common to every new believer. You see, you have an enemy who will do his best to raise all kinds of questions concerning spiritual truth. His name is Satan, and most generally his very first approach will be to cast doubt upon the work that the Holy Spirit has done in your heart and life when you accepted Jesus Christ. Satan knows that if he can rob you of the assurance of your salvation, he can take away your peace and joy, thus limiting your effectiveness for Jesus Christ.

Satan is a very cunning and subtle adversary, and your only hope of successfully resisting Satan's attack is to go to the Word of God. It is only upon the basis of God's written Word that you will be convinced that you have eternal life in Jesus Christ. The Bible very clearly says that if we believe in the name of the Son of God, we can know that we have eternal life.

It is truly a wonderful thing for a person to know beyond any doubt that he is on his way to Heaven. This lesson is designed to help you as a Christian to understand and enjoy the **"Assurance of Salvation."** You can live a life of victory, and you can overcome in this first test of your faith. Let's look together at what God's Word has to say about the *problem of sin*, the *promise of salvation*, and the *privilege of assurance*.

## I. THE PROBLEM CONCERNING SIN

### A. The Fact Of Sin

#### 1. There are many different words in the Bible that God uses to describe sin.

- a. The Bible speaks of wickedness, iniquity, lawlessness, unrighteousness, and ungodliness. These are just a few of the many synonyms of sin found in Scripture.
- b. There are two kinds of sins mentioned in the Bible: sins of commission (*wrong things that we do*), and sins of omission (*right things that we fail to do*).

#### 2. How does the Bible define sin?

- a. (*I John 3: 4*) \_\_\_\_\_
- b. (*James 4: 17*) \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3. Who does the Bible say is guilty of sin?

- a. (*Romans 3:23*) \_\_\_\_\_
- b. (*I John 5:19*) \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4. What is the main result or consequence of sin in the following verses?

- a. (*Romans 5:12*) \_\_\_\_\_
- b. (*Romans 6:23*) \_\_\_\_\_
- c. (*James 1:15*) \_\_\_\_\_

### B. The Failure Of The Sinner

#### 1. The Bible clearly teaches that a person cannot save himself. What do the following verses tell us concerning how a person is not saved?

- a. (*Ephesians 2:8-9*) \_\_\_\_\_
- b. (*Titus 3:5*) \_\_\_\_\_

**2. What do these verses tell us concerning how a person is saved?**

a. *(Ephesians 2:8-9)* \_\_\_\_\_

b. *(Titus 3:5)* \_\_\_\_\_

**3. What does the Bible say concerning our own self-righteousness in the light of God's holiness and perfection?**

a. *(Romans 3:10)* \_\_\_\_\_

b. *(Isaiah 64:6)* \_\_\_\_\_

## II. THE PROMISE CONCERNING SALVATION

### A. Salvation Is A Free Gift.

**1. For something to be a true gift, it must be free.**

a. *Who does the Bible say is the giver of eternal life?*  
*(I John 5:11)* \_\_\_\_\_

b. *Where does the Bible say that eternal life is found?*  
*(I John 5:11)* \_\_\_\_\_

**2. It is clear from the Bible that there are some who have eternal life, and some who do not have eternal life.**

a. *Who according to the Bible has the gift of eternal life?*  
*(I John 5:12)* \_\_\_\_\_

b. *Who according to the Bible does not have eternal life?*  
*(I John 5:12)* \_\_\_\_\_

**3. How does a person receive this free gift of eternal life?**

a. *(John 3:14-16)* \_\_\_\_\_

a. *(John 6:47)* \_\_\_\_\_

## B. Salvation Is Eternal.

### 1. What three things did Jesus promise to those who hear His words and believe?

*(John 5:24)*

- a. Promise #1 \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Promise #2 \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Promise #3 \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. What two things did Jesus promise would never happen to those who belong to Him?

*(John 10:27-28)*

- a. Promise #1 \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Promise #2 \_\_\_\_\_
- c. How long is eternal? \_\_\_\_\_

## III. THE PRIVILEGE CONCERNING ASSURANCE

### A. We Can Know That We Are Saved Through The Witness Of God's Word.

#### 1. Our assurance is based upon the Bible. *(I John 5:13)*

- a. Who does John say he is writing to? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. What did John say they could know? \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3. We can know beyond any doubt that we are saved.

- a. An old preacher was once asked if he felt that his sins had been forgiven. "No," he replied, "I do not feel that my sins are forgiven. I know my sins are forgiven because the Word of God says so!"
- b. Our salvation is not some "hope-so" salvation. Our salvation is a "know-so" salvation.

**B. We Can Know That We Are Saved Through The Witness Of God's Spirit.**  
*(Romans 8:16)*

**1. The Holy Spirit gives assurance of salvation.**

a. What does the Spirit do with our spirit? \_\_\_\_\_

b. What does the Spirit help us to know? \_\_\_\_\_

**2. When a person becomes a child of God, he not only receives Christ within, but he is placed in Christ.**

a. What is said to take place when a person is placed in Christ" *(II Corinthians 5:17)*

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b. Which of the following changes have you experienced in your life since you trusted Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord? *(Check the appropriate ones)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Inner peace and joy

\_\_\_\_\_ New awareness of sin

\_\_\_\_\_ Victory over sin

\_\_\_\_\_ Growing love for God

\_\_\_\_\_ Desire to read the Bible

\_\_\_\_\_ Regular time of prayer

\_\_\_\_\_ New outlook on life

\_\_\_\_\_ Better attitude

\_\_\_\_\_ Sense of forgiveness

\_\_\_\_\_ Desire to see others saved

**Conclusion:** Meditate on what you have studied throughout this lesson and consider how that you might apply it to your life. *(Memorize: I John 5:11-12)*