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ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

One of the most important things in your new life as a Christian is your assurance of salvation. There are far too many people today who lack this assurance. They simply do not know that they are saved.

IT IS POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO KNOW YOU ARE SAVED.

I John 5:13 — *“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.”*

This verse clearly teaches that you can know you are saved.

IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO KNOW YOU ARE SAVED.

Assurance of salvation is the most important thing in life ([Mark 8:36](#)).

Assurance of salvation is necessary to make you the successful witness God wants you to be.

HOW CAN YOU KNOW YOU ARE SAVED?

By the Word of God

The only sure basis for our assurance is the Bible, God’s Word. God says, *“Whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life”* ([John 3:16](#)). *“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life”* ([John 3:36](#)).

We know we are saved because God’s Word says that when we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ we have everlasting life.

HOW CAN OTHERS KNOW YOU ARE SAVED?

By the life you live

We are saved by faith, not by works. However, we need to live a good and exemplary Christian life so that others can be attracted to Christ by our testimony. Because others watch our lives to see if there is a change, we must live so that they can see Christ in us.

“This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.” —**Titus 3:8**

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. There is a plan of salvation.

It is important that you understand clearly the plan of salvation. Therefore, we give it here so that you do understand.

a. You are a sinner.

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” –Romans 3:23

b. As a sinner, you are under condemnation.

“For the wages of sin is death’ but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” –Romans 6:23

c. Christ paid the price for your sins and mine.

“For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.” –I Peter 3:18

d. You and I are saved by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” –John 3:16

2. God receives those who receive His Son.

“But as many as received him, to them gave he power [right or privilege or authority] to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.” –John 1:12

3. Your becoming a Christian does not mean you are perfect.

The Bible does not teach that a Christian is perfect. Rather, a Christian is a sinner saved by grace. It is not possible to be perfect in this life. Perfection will come when we are taken out of this life and into the presence of the Lord.

This is important to realize, for many new converts get discouraged when they see they are not living as perfectly as they felt they would. Remember, you are a spiritual baby, and you need to grow in grace. God will work in you if you are willing to let Him do it.

“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.” –Philippians 1:6

4. You are not saved by your feelings – and you do not receive assurance by your feelings.

Not once does the Bible say we need any special feeling to be saved. Of course, there will be a feeling of peace and joy when we know our sins are forgiven, but this feeling comes as a result of our salvation. It does not produce salvation.

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Feelings can change, but God's Word will remain the same. We need to rest completely on the Word of God as our only assurance. You dare not base your assurance on any feelings you might have, and you should not doubt your salvation because of a lack of feeling.

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Assurance of Salvation – Assignments

1. Memorize [I John 5:13](#) and [II Peter 3:18](#)

2. Read the Gospel of John, chapters 1-7, by reading one chapter a day. Please note the times that you find any form of the word “believe.”

Day 1 – [John 1](#) _____

Day 2 – [John 2](#) _____

Day 3 – [John 3](#) _____

Day 4 – [John 4](#) _____

Day 5 – [John 5](#) _____

Day 6 – [John 6](#) _____

Day 7 – [John 7](#) _____

3. List at least three promises that were a blessing to you from your reading of John 1–7.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

4. List one truth that you received during your reading each day that was a blessing to you that day. Record this again.

5. Answer the following questions in your own words:

a. Why do men need to be saved? ([Romans 5:12](#))

b. Why did Jesus come to earth? ([I Timothy 1:15](#))

c. For whom did Christ die? ([Romans 5:8](#))

d. What must we do to be saved? ([Acts 16:30-31](#))

e. What part do good works have in our salvation? ([Ephesians 2:8-9](#))

f. From [I John 5:13](#), how can we know that we are saved?

g. Did Paul say that he knew he was saved? Why? ([II Timothy 1:12](#); [Romans 8:16](#))

h. What does God guarantee to those who have the Son? ([I John 5:11-12](#))

i. What happened the moment we believed? ([John 5:24](#))

j. Since feelings often change, upon what must we depend for assurance? Why? ([I Peter 1:25](#))

k. Whom does God receive as His children? ([John 1:12](#))

l. What are the consequences of not believing in Jesus Christ? ([John 3:36](#))

m. State briefly how you know you are a child of God and have eternal life:

n. What important blessing does a new convert have when he receives Christ?

([Ephesians 1:7](#))

Separate your Notes into 3 parts:

1. Promises I have found in the first seven chapters of John that were a real blessing to me. (List at least three)

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

2. Truths I received from my daily reading of John 1–7 that I applied to my life that day:

Day 1 — [John 1](#) _____

Day 2 — [John 2](#) _____

Day 3 — [John 3](#) _____

Day 4 — [John 4](#) _____

Day 5 — [John 5](#) _____

Day 6 – [John 6](#) _____

Day 7 – [John 7](#) _____

3. The verses in which I found a form of the word “believe”:

4. Remember to create note cards that have the memory verses printed out on them. The following format usually works the best – Say the reference before the verse, say the verse, then say the reference again:

I John 5:13

“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”.

I John 5:13

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