

How To Have God's Assurance of Salvation

*These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that you may **know** that you have eternal life... – I John 5:11-13)*

Introduction (ie) The Emperor's New Clothes

I have never met a parent to my knowledge that wanted to create neurotic, unbalanced, insecure children. Many have inadvertently created insecurities in the children by their behavior, but I don't think they set out to do so. If you are an abusive parent you will create insecure children. God is not an abusive parent.

The Security of the Believer

Security of the believer is not based on our performance, past, present or future, but on the reliability of God's word and promises. God's integrity is at stake. It is based on God's faithfulness, not our faithfulness. God does not set out to make his children insecure. The scriptures are replete with exceptional promises to comfort the believer and help him to KNOW that he is indeed a child of God, kept by the power of God, and eternally safe in the hands of Jesus. To think otherwise, I think, is to do despite to the Spirit of grace. *"For by grace are you saved, through faith, and that (faith) is not of yourselves, it is a gift of God, lest any man should boast."* Should a parent say, "I cannot tell my son he is loved with an unfailing love, lest he test that love or take advantage of my great love."?

Insecurity of the Believer

There are many groups of believers who disbelieved that a believer can be secure. They argue that if they knew they were secure in Christ, they would then go out and *sin to the limit*. But the apostle Paul argues against such foolish logic. *A pig who is transformed by the power of God into a son, no longer enjoys the pig sty though he may indeed get dirty, he is no longer comfortable with that environment.* If you are comfortable sinning then you must question whether you have been truly born again. "How can they that are dead to sin live any longer in it?" If New Creature is to mean anything at all it must mean becoming a NEW CREATION. The problem most "insecurists" have is that they don't believe that man will be good without an eminent threat of damnation hanging over his head. They believe that only when you live with the fear of losing your salvation, or being damned, will you live a godly life.

Self Dependence - works for salvation

It is often true that many who hold such views have never turned from dependence on their own works and merit, to trust completely in the finished and all-sufficient work of Christ. A truly born again believer has seen himself as miserable, blind, naked, helpless and totally sinful. He cannot save himself because he is already dead and helpless. He cannot come to life because he is already lifeless. *"Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling."* True believers have sensed the reality of Ephesians 2:8-9, By grace are we saved, through faith, and that not of ourselves it is a gift of God not of works lest any man should boast.

Not My Purpose

It is not my purpose this morning to tell anyone who is not saved, that he is, or to tell anyone who has no assurance of salvation that he is saved. You and you alone know whether you have entered into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. You alone know whether he is your Savior, and that your sins are forgiven.

My Purpose

My purpose is to instruct truly born again believers to “search the Scriptures” as Jesus said, for in them you think you have eternal life. My purpose is to open the Scriptures that you who have put your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ will not be deceive or disappointed. Assurance of salvation is not based on your performance, but on the eternal word of God, and the finished work of Christ. These are foundational truths of Scripture that every believer needs to know and keep anchored in his heart. It is a good idea to memorize them.

Rejoice: You Can Know For Sure?

I John 5:11-13 - you can have assurance. This is the assurance, testimony, evidence.

Finished Work (John 19:30) “It is finished.”

Jesus Paid it All - Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;
You Can't Add to It -

Faithful Word (I John 5:9-13)

God's promises

God's faithfulness

Remember: What You Know For Sure?

1. You have Jesus in you - John 1:12 (1 John 5:12 & Revelation 3:20)
2. You are a child of God - John 1:12
3. You have been born again - John 3:3 (2 Cor 5:17)
4. You have been saved from wrath - John 3:16
5. You are not condemned - John 3:17-18 (Romans 8:1)
6. You have eternal life - John 5:24
7. You will never perish - John 10:28-29
8. You have a home in heaven - John 14:1 and 6
9. You have been forgiven - 1 John 1:9
10. Your name is written in heaven - Revelation 20:12, 21:27

Relax: God Is At Work

- Ephesians 2:9-10 - It is God who works in you both to will and do his good pleasure.
- Philippians 1:6 - He began a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.
- 2 Timothy 1:12 - I know whom I believed, and am persuaded he is able to keep...
- Jude 1:24 - able to keep you from falling, and present you faultless before his throne.



John 5:11-13 (NIV)

11. And this is the testimony:
 God has given us eternal life,
 and this life is in his Son.

12. He who has the Son has life;
 he who does not have the Son of God
 does not have life.

13. I write these things to you
 who believe in the name of the Son of God
 so that you may know that you have eternal life.



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Blessed Assurance
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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.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior, all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior, all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.