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It would have saved a lot of work in the process of completing this study if we merely referenced the Scriptures. However, we have included the Scripture quotations. All scripture quotations in this book are taken directly from the King James Bible. We recommend you use a KJV Bible and study the Scriptures for yourself. However, since many people have not yet obtained a KJV Bible, we have included the Scriptures referred to in the study here as a help.

If you do not have a King James Bible, you are strongly encouraged to get one as soon as possible as studying from any other version of the Bible will mislead and confuse you.

Assurance of Salvation

From the moment you were saved, the devil began working on you. He wants you to be defeated and down. The last thing he wants is to see someone saved. The next to the last thing he wants to see is a Christian living a victorious life. He fights against both of those! The devil knows that if you lead a victorious life, you will lead others to be saved. Satan does not want this. Now that you are saved, this is the only reason why the devil cares about you. He has already lost your soul. There is no doubt that you have already faced battles from the devil.

One of the first lies the devil will tell you after you are saved is that you could not be saved. The devil will certainly ask, "How in the world could a sinner like you be saved?" Hopefully, this study will teach you how to answer that very question for yourself, for the devil, and for your friends and family!

What does assurance mean?

The dictionary says assurance is a positive declaration intended to give confidence, a promise or pledge; guaranty; surety, or freedom from doubt. God wants us to have confidence in our salvation. In fact, He wants us to rest and take comfort in our salvation.

Read the following passages of Scripture:

2 Tim 1:12 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.

1 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.

1. Does it sound like the Lord wants us to be assured of our salvation? YES NO

Why do we need assurance?

Read each passage of Scripture and fill in the blanks:

1 John 1:4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

2. By being assured of our salvation, we can have J _ _.

1 John 3:19 And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.

1 John 3:21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.

3. From the assurance of salvation, we can have C _ _ _ _ _ _ _ before God.

1 John 5:4-5 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. (5) Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

4. By being assured of our salvation, we can O _ _ _ C _ _ E the world.

Can I Know I am saved?

1 John 5:11-13 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.(12) He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. (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.

5. In the passage above, circle or underline the words *RECORD*, *HATH*, *KNOW* and *ETERNAL*
6. Based on the 1 John 5:11-13, is it possible for someone to know he is saved?

There are several reasons why we can know we are saved:

The Character of God

There are many aspects of the character of God. God's character is completely above reproach. In fact, God's sterling character is beyond our very comprehension. For this topic, we will only briefly look at one aspect of His character.

Titus 1:2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

7. Can God lie?

The Promises of God in the Bible

If God cannot lie, He will keep his promises to us. the following are only a few of those promises!

John 5:24 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.

8. God promises E _ _ _ L _ _ _ _ _ G life.

John 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

9. God promises to accept anyone who comes to Him.

Rom 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

10. According to God's promise, whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord S _ _ _ _ be saved.

The Presence of God in Our Life

Rom 5:5 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.

11. What has God given to us as a result of our salvation?

Rom 8:16 the Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

12. What does the Spirit of God do with our spirit?

What If I Sin?

1 John 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

13. Is it possible for a Christian to sin?

1 John 2:1 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:

14. Does God want us to sin?

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

15. What should we all do if or rather when we, as Christians, sin?

1 John 2:1 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:

16. When we sin, who is our advocate¹ before God?

1 John 1:6-7 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: (7) 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.

17. When we sin, what do we lose?

Can I ever lose my salvation?

NO! Now, let's look at why...

John 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

18. Will we ever perish?

John 10:29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

19. Is there anyone who can take us out of God's hand?

John 5:24 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.

20. What have we passed from death unto?

John 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

21. Will God ever "cast out" someone who has come to Christ?

Rom 8:38-39 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, (39) 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.

22. Can anything separate us from the love of God?

1 Peter 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

23. Whose power keeps us?

Philippians 1:6 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:

¹ Advocate: Advocate, in its primary sense, signifies one who pleads the cause of another in a court of civil law.

24. How long will God continue His good work in us?

Ephesians 1:13 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,

25. Our salvation has been S _ _ _ _ D with the H _ _ Y S _ _ _ _ T

Jude 1:24 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,

26. What is Christ able to keep us from doing?

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

27. What gift has God given us?

Eph 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

28. What did we do to earn our salvation?

Rom 8:15 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.

29. When we were saved, who adopted us?

1 John 3:1 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.

30. Christians are the _ _ _ S of God.

Heb 12:6-8 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. (7) If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? (8) But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

31. If God chastens us, what does that prove?

Assignments

Read:

1 John

Memorize:

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This Week's Prayer Requests

This Week's Answered Prayers
