



Foundations of Assurance – Lesson #3

Assurance of Salvation

A. Defining the Issue: Assurance of Salvation

1. Salvation Defined

Generally: preservation or _____ from harm, ruin, or loss. (Oxford Languages)

Theologically: deliverance from _____ and its consequences.

Specifically for this study: an eternal salvation from the just _____ of sin, which is eternity in Hell, the just penalty every sinner deserves from a holy God.

2. Assurance of Salvation Defined

The _____ that, as a believer, I have been saved from Hell, that I will be in Heaven, that I have eternal life.

B. The Basis for Your Assurance

1. FACTS OF HISTORY: the work of Jesus Christ

- a) Salvation is NOT gained by _____ works or merit. (Ephesians 2:1-9, Titus 3:5-7)
- b) Salvation is purchased by the work of _____. (Acts 4:12, 1 Cor. 15:3-4)

2. PROMISES OF GOD: the results of faith in Jesus Christ

Any person who believes in Christ's death as the payment for his or her sins has...

- a) _____ life.
John 3:16, John 3:36, 1 John 2:25, 1 John 5:11-13
- b) _____ of all sin.
Acts 10:43, Colossians 2:13
- c) Freedom from _____.
John 3:18, John 5:24
- d) _____ (has been declared righteous by God).
Romans 5:1, Galatians 2:16
- e) _____ (from God's wrath).
Ephesians 2:8-9
- f) Become a _____ of God.
John 1:12, Galatians 3:26

C. Key Principles of Assurance

Principle 1: We need to draw our assurance from faith in the facts of Scripture and **not from our** _____.

Principle 2: We need to draw our assurance from faith in the facts of Scripture and **not from our** _____.

* Does God want believers to base their assurance on their ability to live with proper Christian conduct?

Or, does God encourage proper Christian conduct on the basis of what God has already guaranteed? (1 Cor. 1:2, 3:1-3, 6:20, Eph. 4:32)

* What does the Bible teach that proper Christian conduct is evidence for?
(1 John 1:6-7)

D. The Common Objection

“Does the fact that we are confident of our salvation because of the finished work of Christ mean we can be indifferent about our lifestyle?

Does assurance of salvation promote promiscuous Christian living and faulty stewardship?

No, not if one understands the whole counsel of the Word.

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* compare with the objection in Romans 6:1-2

* compare with the clarification and admonition in 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

From the GGBC Doctrinal Statement:

ASSURANCE

We believe it is the privilege, not only of some, but of all who are born again by the Spirit through faith in Christ alone as revealed in the Scriptures, to be absolutely assured of their salvation from the very day they trust Him to be their Saviour. This assurance is not founded upon any estimation of their own worthiness or fitness, but wholly upon the testimony of God in His written Word and the finished work of Jesus Christ, producing within His children love, gratitude, and obedience (Luke 10:20, 21:32; 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-8; 2 Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 10:22; 1 John 5:13).