

# Assurance of salvation



# INTRODUCTION

Salvation is a gift which we receive and then we possess salvation.

**Ephesians 2:8** God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.

# DEFINITION OF ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

To have assurance is to be absolutely confident that we are saved and that if we died suddenly, we would go to heaven.

**John 10:28-29** I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else.[a] No one can snatch them from the Father's hand.

# WHO MAY HAVE ASSURANCE OF SALVATION?

1. Those who have received Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour — **John 1:12** “But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.”
2. Those who believe in Jesus Christ — **John 3:16**

# BASIS OF ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

1. The witness of the Holy Spirit —  
**Romans 8:16, Galatians 4:6**
2. The Word of God — **1 John 5:10-13,**  
**John 5:24, Acts 13:39, Luke 7:48,**  
**Romans 10:13**
3. The changed life — **1 John 3:14,**  
**2 Corinthians 5:17**

# THE PROBLEM OF ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

Why do people lack assurance of their salvation? We must all ask ourselves:

- Have I received Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour?
- Do I truly believe on the Lord Jesus Christ?

If yes, assurance is possible.

# HINDRANCES TO AN ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

1. Failure to trust the Word of God
2. Spiritual drowsiness
3. Worldliness (1 John 1:9)
4. Lack of the fulness of the Holy Spirit (John 7:37-39)
5. Over-emphasis on doctrines like predestination, election or carnal/eternal security
6. Sin and backsliding (cure found in 1 John 1:9)

# CONCLUSION

Ask the Lord to search your heart and see if Jesus truly lives within you.

Be careful in persuading people that they are saved for this is the work of the Holy Spirit. He knows and searches the heart.

Assurance of salvation is not prideful, but it is simply trusting in the truth of God's Word.

# REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Define assurance of salvation.
2. What is salvation?
3. Who may have assurance of salvation?
4. On what 3 things is assurance of salvation based?
5. List 5 verses that teach assurance of salvation.
6. What is the biggest change that comes in the life when Christ enters that person?
7. Why do many people not have assurance of salvation?  
(5 reasons)
8. Is it presumption to say, "I'm saved"? Why
9. List 5 hindrances to full assurance of salvation.
10. Should a personal worker persuade a new convert that he is saved? Why?