

THE ASSURANCE OF YOUR SALVATION

LESSON FOUR

This is the fourth and final lesson on the subject of salvation, so let's review:

- Lesson 1: Every person can know that he/she has eternal life even before death (Philippians 1:21-23). Each of us is guilty of sin and in no way deserving of Heaven.
- Lesson 2: A person is not saved by his works but only by his faith in Christ. A person can be saved by admitting that he is a lost sinner and calling upon the name of the Lord to be saved (Romans 10:13). If you have personally trusted Christ for salvation, the Bible says that you are saved.
- Lesson 3: None of us is righteous enough to enter heaven; Jesus died and rose from the dead to provide the perfect righteousness and through faith, we receive righteousness from God.

In this lesson, we will look at questions regarding the assurance of salvation: How long does this salvation last and can we lose our salvation?

OUR ASSURANCE IS BASED ON GOD'S FAITHFULNESS, NOT OURS.

1. Read John 10:28 and 29 and answer the following questions:

What does Jesus give to those who are saved (to those who follow Him)?

Will they ever perish?

In whose hand are they?

In this passage, does our security depend on our hanging onto God or upon God hanging onto us?

2. What is Jesus' prayer for the believers as recorded in John 17:11 and 15?

Do you think Jesus ever prayed a prayer that was not answered?

3. According to Romans 8:35 and 37, what will not separate us from the love of Christ?

4. According to Romans 8:38 and 39, what will not separate the believer from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus?

5. What was Paul confident about in Philippians 1:6?

6. By whose power is a believer kept in 1 Peter 1:5?

7. What are two things that Christ is able to do for the saved person? (Jude 24; *Jude is the next to the last book in the New Testament*)

8. Read Hebrews 10:14. This verse states that the believer has been perfected or brought to a completed state. Those who are being sanctified, or set apart, are those who have trusted Christ.

How many offerings or sacrifices did it take to perfect the believers?

How long will they be perfected?

9. Who is Christ able to save (Hebrews 7:25)?

This is true only because Christ continues to make intercession for them before God.

THE HOLY SPIRIT SEALS OUR SALVATION.

In the New Testament a seal was a mark of ownership. A person would place a mark, or imprint, on an object that belonged to him, similar to the branding of animals.

1. What happens to a person immediately after he/she believes (Ephesians 1:13)?

2. How long is this seal effective (Ephesians 4:30)?

3. If the seal is mark of ownership, to whom does the believer belong (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)?

TRUE SECURITY IN CHRIST DOES NOT GIVE THE BELIEVER A LICENSE TO SIN.

Some might say, "If I am saved and kept by God's power, I can live any way I please." Read Romans 6:1-2. (The whole chapter of Romans 6 is beneficial to read.)

1. After a person has been freed from the control of sin (this happens at the time of salvation), whose servant does he become?

Romans 6:13

Romans 6:18

Romans 6:22

2. What will happen to a believer if he strays from living according to God's standards (Hebrews 12:5-6)?

Whom does the Lord chasten?

3. If a person can live as he pleases and without God's chastening, what do we know about that person (Hebrews 12:8)?

After we have been truly saved (by faith apart from works), God not only keeps us, but He also guides our lives. If we stray, we do not lose our eternal life, but we are lovingly chastened by our Heavenly Father. Eternal life is the greatest gift anyone can receive.

Do you know for sure that you have received this gift? If you have not yet placed your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior, you can do so now.

Talk to the Lord. He's ready to listen. Admit to Him that you are a sinner, and believe that Christ died for your sins and rose again from the dead. He will save you and come into your life.

"Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life." 1 John 5:12