



WORSHIP

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

Objective for Learning: To understand from a Biblical standpoint that salvation is secure through faith and the belief in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Objective for Living: To be able to live, act, and respond in such a way that is coming from a place of theological confidence and salvific assurance.

Objective for Reproducing: To be able to clearly describe to someone else how he or she goes about having an assurance of his or her salvation.

Scriptures for Assurance of Salvation:

- Romans 10:9-10
- John 5:24
- Ephesians 2:8-9
- John 10:28
- 1 John 5:11-13
- John 3:16-17
- 2 Timothy 2:10-13
- John 6:37
- Romans 8:16
- John 1:12

How do each of these Scriptures help to **define** and **illuminate** what it means to have assurance of salvation?

Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):

Overview:

God does not want us spending time or energy doubting what He has done for us. He wants us to walk in freedom and the fruit of righteousness! He gives us confidence through His word that if we confess and believe (Romans 10:9-10, 13) that we have received this gift of grace (Ephesians 2:8-9), then we can have confidence in what God has done and can know that we have eternal life (1 John 5:11-13). Nothing can separate a child of God from their Father (Romans 8:38-39). Don't let your feelings dictate your beliefs; let your beliefs based on Scripture dictate your feelings!

Jesus calls us to abide in Him (John 15:1-8) and to spend regular, daily time with Him. This is a beautiful way to ensure we are staying close enough to the Lord so that doubt will not creep in and cause us to doubt our salvation. The fruit of this abiding acts as a guarantee that as we draw near to Jesus, He will continue to draw near to us (James 4:8). Regular confession and communion with the Lord will safeguard us from the fears of doubt!

Questions for Learning and Living:

- Which Scriptures really safeguard your heart from doubting your salvation? Why are they so potent to you?
- What did the overview mean when it said, "Don't let your feelings dictate your beliefs; let your beliefs based on Scripture dictate your feelings"?
- What are some practical steps that you can take to ensure that you have a confidence that your salvation is secure?
- How does growing in the Lord play into an assurance of salvation? In what ways has your spiritual growth helped you gain confidence in this area?

Questions for Reproducing:

- Do you know of anyone who is struggling with knowing that they are saved?
 - What are some things that you could do to help them gain confidence in this area?
- Which scriptures would you share with them to help them see the truth that we can be assured in our salvation? (Name at least 4-5 scriptures)

Doing (Implementation and Application):

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
 - Give 1-3 concrete action steps that you are going to do this week to help you take the next step of learning, living, or reproducing in this area.
- Role play and share what you would say to someone who is doubting their salvation.
- Choose one of the Scriptures that really impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.