

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

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Series I Session 3

Do You Know Where You're Going?

There's no argument, we're all going to die. Ultimately there are two destinations, Heaven and Hell. The question we need to ask ourselves is, **where will we end up?**

On what basis does God allow people into Heaven?



What gives you confidence that you are a Christian and on your way to Heaven?



“Many Christians are unsure of their relationship with God and whether they’ll make it to Heaven. As a result, their faith is built on an INSECURE FOUNDATION.”

1 John 5:11-13

“God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.”

A Firm Foundation

- God wants us to be sure about our eternal destiny: “I write these things to you... that you may know that you have eternal life.”
- Having eternal life is dependent on having Jesus in your life. “He who has the Son has life...”
- There are no other criteria to be met in this verse, Jesus provides everything we need. Eternal life is not dependant on our effort, simply on having Jesus.
- If you have Jesus, then eternal life is not something you will get but something you already have. “... you may know that you have eternal life”
- If you already have eternal life you can never loose it!



How do we come to have Jesus in our life?

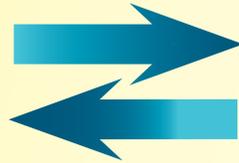


There are three different ways that we know whether we have the Son or not:

- Trusting God's promises in the Bible
- The Holy Spirit giving us inward confidence that God is our Father
(Romans 8v15-17)
- Over time we are changed to become more like Jesus
(1 John 2v3-6; 3v14)

**In groups, look at the following verses:
Revelation 3:20, John 1:12**

*What are the promises in these verses?
What are the conditions and how do we meet them?
Have these conditions been met in you?
Do you trust the promises you've just read?*



“If we’ve met the conditions and trust the promises in these verses, then we can have confidence that we have Jesus and eternal life.”

How To Be Sure

As Christians we can be sure of a number of other things:

- We're completely forgiven and dearly loved (John 3v16)
- God has a wonderful purpose and plan for our lives (John 10v10)
- We're indestructible in the love of God (Romans 8v38-39)
- We are under a new authority and have a new destiny (Colossians 1v13-14)

If we're a Christian then our confidence and assurance will grow deeper over time as we get to know God better and He begins to transform us.