

## SALVATION IS A FACT

Romans 8:32

(Not entirely original with me)

**Introduction:** Many Christians struggle with the thought of whether they are really saved or not. Is salvation real, is salvation permanent, can something go wrong and salvation can be lost, and many other thoughts about the security of their salvation.

Salvation is a spiritual reality whether it is understood or not and anyone who trusts in Jesus Christ for his/her salvation is saved and secure and that is a fact. Once a person grasps that eternal life is in Jesus Christ and he/she has eternal life, forgiveness of sin and is a member of God's family he/she can begin to rest in peace that it all comes through God's grace and the work of Jesus Christ and not on anybody's efforts.

### I. WHY ARE SOME BELIEVERS UNSURE ABOUT THEIR SALVATION?

1. Some are unsure because they just don't remember exactly when they were saved.
  - Some remember exactly the moment and circumstances and often preachers preach about remembering that wonderful moment, but the issue is not when, but what about NOW.
2. Some are unsure because their experience in receiving the Lord wasn't like somebody else's.
  - Preachers preach about making a public profession of one's faith in Jesus such as raising one's hand or going to the front during an invitation hymn, making it sound like a public profession is necessary to be saved.
3. Some are unsure because they still struggle with some habitual sin.
  - They still commit that same old sin over and over again and again, therefore the question of whether they have been saved or not.
4. Some are unsure because they just don't understand how everything has been done by Jesus to bring salvation to any who would believe in Him.
5. Some are unsure because they have been wrongly taught that how they live and what they do proves whether they have been saved or not.

### II. HOW TO BUILD CONFIDENCE IN THE SECURITY OF ONE'S SALVATION

1. The Word of God is the first source of building confidence.
  - Eternal life.
    - **John 3:16; 1 John 5:11-13**
  - Forgiveness of all sin.
    - **Acts 10:43; Colossians 2:13**
  - Freedom from condemnation.
    - **John 5:24; Romans 8:1**
  - Declared righteous by God (Justified).
    - **Romans 5:1; 4:1-6; 4:25**
  - Salvation.
    - **Ephesians 2:8-9**
  - A Child of God because of one's faith.
    - **John 1:12; Romans 8:14-17**

2. What Jesus Christ has done and continues to do is another source of building confidence.
  - Salvation is not by anybody's works or reward.
    - *Romans 4:1-7; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5-7*
  - Salvation is completely by Jesus Christ's person and work and is a gift of God.
    - *1 John 5:5-12; Acts 4:12; Ephesians 2:8-9; Philippians 3:8-9*
  
3. The work of the Holy Spirit is another source of building confidence in one's salvation.
  - The Holy Spirit is also the Spirit of Truth.
    - *John 14:17; John 15:26; John 16:8-13; 1 John 4:6*
  - The Holy Spirit anoints the believer.
    - *1 John 2:20; 27*
  - The Holy Spirit reveals God's Word to the believer.
    - *Acts 16:14*
  - The Holy Spirit helps the believer understand the things of Jesus Christ.
    - *1 Corinthians 2:12-16; Ephesians 3:15-19*
  - The Holy Spirit brings confidence/assurance that the believer is indeed a child of God.
    - *Romans 8:15-16; 1 John 5:7-11*

### **III. THINGS THE BELIEVER CAN DO TO BUILD CONFIDENCE IN HIS/HER SALVATION**

1. Stop listening to one's feelings and depend upon God's Word: FACT - FAITH - FEELINGS!
2. Depend upon the FACTS of the Scripture and not from one's own works.
  - *1 Corinthians 3:1-4; Colossians 3:1-4; 1 John 1:6-7; 1 Corinthians 1:2-9; 3:1; 6:19-20*
  - 1 John 5:11-13*

### **IV. EVERYONE WILL ONE DAY GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF HIS/HER LIFE TO JESUS CHRIST**

1. Permanent, eternal, secure salvation does not give the believer license to live however he/she wishes.
2. Every believer is a steward of God and has been entrusted with the things of God.
  - *1 Corinthians 3:12-15; 1 Timothy 4:7*

### **CONCLUSION:**

1. Salvation is the permanent, eternal, everlasting gift of God through His grace and by the work of His Son, Jesus Christ, to anyone who will believe in God's Son, Jesus Christ.
2. Salvation is NOT dependent upon any person's own abilities, skills, efforts, wisdom, lifestyle.
3. Confidence/assurance in one's salvation comes from God's Word, what Jesus Christ has done, is doing and will do for those who believe in Him, and from the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit in each believer.
4. Believers, rest in peace that Jesus is in charge of salvation, not yourselves. Man's part is to believe in Jesus Christ with all his/her being and Jesus Christ does the rest, thus Salvation is permanent.