

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

Acts 16:27-32

Introduction: We are all different in so many ways. Some people will believe just about anything as soon as they hear, some when they see, some when they read it, however some have to have proof before they will believe something. Then there are always those who never commit themselves to what they think they believe and of course there are those who believe today and don't believe tomorrow. According to God's Word, a Christian should know for sure that he/she is saved. However there are always those who think it is being presumptuous to think that anyone may be assured of his/her own salvation. Can we know for sure? Are those doubting people right? Or can we know for certain that we are saved?

I. SOME THINK THEY MUST LIVE A PERFECT DAILY LIFE IN ORDER TO BE SAVED

1. People who believe their daily lives affect their salvation have never turned from depending on their own works to total dependence upon who Jesus is and what He has done.
 - If salvation were dependent upon our personal goodness, then nobody could be sure.
 - Salvation is not offered to those who try to live perfect lives, are religious and hope that God will be merciful in the end.
 - Salvation is offered to all those who are helpless, merit-less sinners who are willing to believe that Jesus is and has all that is needed for now and all eternity and that God's Word is all that they need.
2. No sinner has fallen so low, or is so weak that he/she cannot find absolute rest and assurance in his/her salvation in Jesus Christ alone.

II. TO QUESTION ASSURANCE OF SALVATION IS TO QUESTION GOD'S WORD

1. God has promised to save and keep all who put their trust in His Son, Jesus Christ.
 - When you put your trust in Jesus for salvation, either you believe Him to do what He has said or you don't believe God will be true to His promise. Just that simple!
 - If one doubts as to whether God keeps His Word or not, it is doubtful that that person has ever believed as God said to, in the saving way.
2. If you are not sure, then make it sure. Face your sinfulness, your undeservingness with the Cross and then once and for all call upon the Lord Jesus to save you. Do things HIS way this time.
 - No one can have assurance when the mind is still wondering if he/she has really believed in the saving way. So, redo everything. You won't be the first one to do so.
3. Confidence in God's faithfulness will never grow when one is constantly wondering if he/she is saved or not.

III. ASSURANCE COMES IN CONFIDENCE IN JESUS CHRIST

"...Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

1. To doubt your salvation is to not trust Jesus Christ, thus making Him a liar and it is a sin of not trusting God. *"Without Faith it is impossible to please God..."*

2. Take a good look at the Cross and you will be convinced that God's love has been revealed toward us and that Jesus, who paid such a price to redeem us, will instantly accept any who believe.

IV. GOD EVEN PUT ASSURANCE OF SALVATION IN WRITING

"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life."

1. Even written promises can be useless to the heart that refuses to believe God and take Him at His Word.
2. Until God has been trusted to the extent that His saving grace has been believed and received, one can never experience the joy and peace that comes from knowing that his/her salvation is secure.

CONCLUSION:

1. It is inconceivable that Jesus can come live in a human heart and that life remain unchanged.
2. *"Hereby we know that we know Him, IF we keep His commandments."*
"In this the children of God are manifested, and the children of the devil; whoso doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother."
"We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren."
"And hereby we know that He abideth in us, by the Spirit which He hath given us."
"Whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother."
"He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love."
"And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world; Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him and he in God."
3. Assurance of salvation is simply the result of believing God!