

Assurance

Lesson 8

Memorize –

- ✓ I John 5:13 - These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

R. C. Sproul states, “The easiest way to have a false assurance of salvation is to have a false doctrine of salvation.” A perceived salvation that involves man’s efforts or feelings will result in uncertainty and instability. Rather, a salvation anchored in the immutability of God and the reliability of the Scriptures will produce a blessed assurance.

II Peter 1:10 states, “Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you.” It is the Christian’s duty to seek assurance and it is His privilege to grow in assurance.

I. Assurance Anchored in God

A. In Titus 1:2 there is a stated promise from God and a clear truth about God.

- What hope is promised? _____
- What is stated about God? _____

B. In Phillipians 1:6 Paul is confidently assured of what fact?

C. From II Timothy 1:12, what is it that the believer can be assured that God is able to do for Him?

II. Assurance Given by the Holy Spirit

In Romans 8:15 & 16 we are given assurance from God’s Word that the Holy Spirit bears witness to our Spirit that we are _____

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III. Assurance Offered by God's Promise

- A.** According to the stated purpose of I John, the Epistle was written, "to you who believe in the Name of the Son of God, so that you may think, wish, hope, suppose, feel, know (cross out the wrong answers) that you have eternal life." (I John 5:13).
- B.** Based upon John 5:24, what may the Christian be assured of that he presently possesses? _____

IV. Evidence of Assurance

It is said that the worse form of deception is self-deception. II Corinthians 13:5 states, "Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith, _____." Here are a few questions for self-examination:

1. Is there evidence in my life of obedience to God's commands? (I John 2:4-6)
2. Is there evidence in my life of the fruit of the Holy Spirit? (Galatians 5:22 & 23)
3. Do I have a burden and desire to reach others for Christ? (II Cor. 5:20)
4. Do I possess a growing hatred for sin and desire for Christ-likeness? (Romans 13:14)
5. Do I long for and enjoy the fellowship of other Christians? (I John 4:12)
6. Is there a desire and delight in the worship of God together with others in the Body of Christ? (Psalm 99:1-5)