

Assurance of Salvation

We must maintain a clear distinction between the assurance and the fact of salvation. A person may be full of assurance that he knows Jesus Christ as His Lord and Savior and be lost. Jesus said, "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' And I will declare to them, I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness." (Matt 7:22-23) Conversely, a person may doubt his salvation, due to a lack of clear Biblical teaching, and in fact be saved.

We call it "assurance of salvation" because none can be certain they are saved. We must live by faith (Rom 1:17). We don't need faith for what we "know" for certain. We don't need faith or assurance that we lived yesterday. We need faith to live today and make decisions about tomorrow. We need faith that the surgery will be successful to be willing to undergo surgery. We don't need faith after the surgery to know we survived the surgery. We need faith that the airplane or car will get us to our destination safely. We don't need faith after we arrive that we made it safely. Assurance can increase with knowledge, but it is never certainty.

Assurance is the product of a healthy relationship. If we say that we are not sure that our spouse loves us, you could correctly conclude that there is something wrong in the relationship that raises doubts. Assurance is different from certainty. We cannot have certainty, because we live by faith. Faith and certainty are mutually exclusive.

We can have legitimate, Biblical reasoning for concluding we are saved, and thus have no doubt. Doubt is different from uncertainty. For example: if two people are flying across the ocean and one sleeps soundly because he has no doubt that the plane will arrive safely. The other is filled with anxiety because he doubts whether the plane will arrive safely. Whether or not the passengers have doubt has nothing to do with whether the plane will arrive safely. Certainty is only possible after the fact.

God wants believers to be assured of their salvation, but only if they are obedient. God will not relate to a willful person. If a person is living in willful disobedience to God, that person no longer has a Biblical basis for assurance of salvation. (I John 2:3-5; I Cor 6:9-11; John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:1-12; I Cor 9:27; II Cor 13:5) Click Here: <https://bit.ly/3E4fQ3B>

If a professing believer is living in willful disobedience to God, he forfeits his Biblical basis for assurance of salvation. His soul is in peril, and the best thing he can do is confess his sin, repent, seek God's forgiveness (I John 1:9), and appropriate the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit (I John 4:4) to take the way of escape God provides (I Cor 10:13), and obey God's commands.

For those who have trusted in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, surrendering their will to His, drawn by His grace, His Word gives great assurance. (John 1:12; 3:16, 36; 10:28; Phil 1:6) Click Here: <https://bit.ly/30CKDHg>