

STUDY THREE-

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

The absence of dramatic occurrence which sometimes is not common or is not associated with the second birth gives many Christians the doubt of their salvation. They ask how I can know I have been saved. Etc. God in His infinite wisdom has a wonderful indication. It is important that one is certain that one is saved and therefore a Christian. The assurance of salvation does not necessarily depend upon any dramatic experience of emotion, but simply faith in God's word.

HOW TO RECEIVE ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

- A. Witness of the word; 1John 5:11-12, Jn 1:12, 3:16, 17, 36. Don't doubt God's word (Acts 16:31) and thereby making Him a liar.
- B. Witness of the spirit – 1Jn 5:6, 10, Rom 8:16, Heb 10:15.
- C. Your new life – 1Jn 2:3, 5:2, 2 Col 3:1-3, John 14:15.
- D. The witness of love – 1 Jn 5:2, 4:7, 8,11.
- E. Godly fear and obedience – Ecc 12:13.
- F. Not because of my effort or emotional experience, but because I met the requirements of God's word by believing in Christ. Eph 2:8, 9, Acts 16:30, 31.
- G. Salvation is a fact first, and then feelings may follow.

The Holy Spirit at work within you is indisputable proof of your salvation. The Holy Spirit's work in your life will bring changes. Some changes will be gradual; some will be instant. The inward and outward changes that result are the final proof of your salvation.

REVIEW

> Read 2 Cor. 5:17 and fill in the missing words.

"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a _____
_____; the old has
_____, the new has
_____!"

> What changes have you seen in your life since you committed it to Jesus Christ?

CONCLUSION

In the light of what we have learnt today a born again Christian must be different from those who are not. This difference must be evident in the words, thoughts and actions (what you wear, hear, see and touch) .

Memory Verse: "But as many as received him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." John 1:12