

Lesson 15: Assurance of Salvation

Introduction

We Christians realize that the most important parts of our lives are those that make an impact for eternity. The study of God and his relations to, purposes for, and work within the created universe- Matters! Welcome to our Link Group where we focus on biblical small groups grounded in the teachings of the bible. Our goal is to ground biblical believers and to develop disciples that make disciplines!

Assurance of salvation is necessary if a believer is to help others spiritually. "In my church some think that they are Christians, most of them hope so, some say so, and a few know that they are saved." – Rev. H. Hildebrand

A person is either saved or lost, in Christ or outside. Salvation is a miracle change.

Salvation is a gift (Ephesians 2:8) which we receive and possess.

Main Content

DEFINITION OF ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

Assurance is being confident that we are saved and will go to heaven if we die.

Salvation is possessing eternal life in Christ. John 10:28-29.

WHO MAY HAVE ASSURANCE OF SALVATION?

Those who received Jesus Christ. John 1:12.

Those who believe in Jesus Christ. John 3:16; John 3:36.

BASIS OF ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

Assurance is not based on feelings.

1. The witness of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:16; Galatians 4:6.

2. The Word of God.

1 John 5:10, 13.

Stand on God's Word when tempted to doubt.

John 5:24; Acts 13:39; Luke 7:48; Romans 10:13.

3. The changed life.

1 John 3:14; 2 Corinthians 5:17.

THE PROBLEM OF ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

Some lack assurance because they listen to the devil's accusations.

If you believe in Christ, you are saved according to God's Word. Hebrews 11:6.

HINDRANCES TO AN ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

Failure to trust God's Word.

Spiritual drowsiness – 1 John 1:9.

Worldliness.

Lack of fullness of the Holy Spirit – John 7:37-39.

Over-emphasis on doctrines.

Sin and backsliding – 1 John 1:9.

Conclusion

Lord, search my heart and help me never doubt Your Word.

Assurance is simple trust in God's grace and mercy.

Link Questions

1. Can you see a difference in your life today as you follow Jesus?

2. What areas of your life need surrender to the Lord?