

The Assurance of Salvation

Introduction

When a person makes the choice of faith to repent of their sin and to invite the Lord Jesus into their life – they are given the gift of the redemptive power provided by the Lord Jesus in His Crucifixion, Resurrection, Ascension and the Day of Pentecost.

The presence of the Lord Jesus in one's life changes one's character and habit patterns. The power of sin is broken and they have new desires in the most fundamental areas of life.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 2 Corinthians 5:17

The change of character is evidence that a person is truly born again and not simply an intellectual religious individual.

I. In our Relation to God – the Evidence of Salvation is Obedience. 1 John 2:3-5

We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him:

II. In our relation to the World – the Evidence of Salvation is Separation. 1 John 2:15-17

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world--the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does--comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

III. In our Relation to Sin – the Evidence of Salvation is Freedom. 1 John 3:9

No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God.

IV. In our Relation to the Brethren – the Evidence of Salvation is Love. 1 John 3:14

We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death.

V. In our Relation to Ourselves – the Evidence of Salvation is Progress. 1 John 3:24

Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

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