

# "HOW DO I KNOW I AM SAVED?"

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TEXT: 1 John 5:13

PURPOSE:

1. To encourage Christians to realize that we can be sure about our eternal salvation in Christ.
2. To encourage Christians to take care of their salvation.
3. To encourage non-Christians to obey the Gospel of Christ.

INTRODUCTION:

1. Are you 100% sure that you have the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised before times eternal? (Titus 1:2).
2. How do you know that if you die today you will go to heaven someday?
3. **There are some in the Lord's church that are not 100% sure about their eternal salvation!**
  - a. Some know for sure they will not make it to heaven because they are not living a faithful life in Christ.
  - b. Others are trying their best to faithfully serve God in His Kingdom, but do not know for sure whether they will make it to heaven.
  - c. Some say, "well, I cannot know for sure whether I will make it to heaven. Only God knows."
  - d. Others say, "I just cannot tell you for sure I will make it to heaven because in the end, only God will decide whether I'll be there or not."
4. **These comments clearly show the presence of doubt in the minds of some today!**
  - a. Satan is always attacking our minds! (1 Peter 5:8).
5. **In this lesson we will discuss...**
  - a. Ways on how we can know we are saved.
  - b. Ways on how we can stay saved.
  - c. An exhortation to those who have not obeyed the Gospel of Christ.
6. **The topic under consideration is an important one because it deals with the eternal salvation of our souls.**
  - a. Remember that this world will come to an end someday (2 Peter 3:10-12).
  - b. Remember that Jesus Christ will come when we least expect it (Matthew 24:44).
  - c. Remember that death may come to us at any moment (James 4:14; Hebrews 9:27).
7. For this reason, we all need to pay close attention to where we want to spend eternity!
8. As we listen to this lesson, please allow the words of such to sink into your ears (Luke 9:44).  
May we also plan to practice the things we learn from God's Word (James 1:22-25).

THE ASSURANCE OF THE HOPE OF OUR ETERNAL SALVATION.

1. **How can we know we have the hope of eternal life? How can we know we are saved?**
2. **Ways to know we can be sure we have salvation in Christ:**
  - a. **#1:** We need to understand that God's Word, the Bible, can be understood (Ephesians 3:4; John 8:32; John 7:17).
  - b. **#2:** God's Word not only can be understood but can also save us (2 Timothy 3:15; James 1:21; **Acts 13:26**, "The Word of this salvation"; **1 Corinthians 15:2**, "If we hold fast the Word, we are saved"!).
  - c. **#3:** God's Word reveals to us that God wants our salvation (John 3:16; Romans 5:8; Titus 2:11; 1 Timothy 2:4).
  - d. **#4:** God's Word also reveals to us that we have a Savior, Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12; John 10:9; 14:6; Matthew 20:28; **Gal. 1:4** "He can deliver us from this evil present age").

- A. He is the solution to our sin problem (John 1:29; Ephesians 1:7; Mark 2:10; 1 John 2:1-2).
  - e. #5: God's inspired Word also cultivates within our hearts/minds that great truth that we can be sure about our hope of eternal salvation (1 John 5:13; Philippians 4:3).
- 3. **In addition to these things, notice also how we can know we have the hope of eternal life:**
  - a. #1: Those who have obeyed the Gospel of Christ are saved, for the Gospel is the power of God for salvation (Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).
  - b. #2: Those who have believed the message of the Gospel of Christ are saved, for belief in Jesus is essential to salvation (Mark 16:16; John 8:24; John 3:16).
  - c. #3: Those who have repented of their sins are saved, for repentance is essential to salvation (Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 3:19; 2 Peter 3:9).
  - d. #4: Those who confessed that Jesus Christ is the Son of God are saved, for confession is essential to salvation (Romans 10:9-10; Matthew 10:32-33).
  - e. #5: Those who have been baptized for the forgiveness of sins are saved, for baptism is for the purpose of obtaining salvation (Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Acts 2:38; 22:16).
    - A. Those who have been baptized, have been baptized into Christ (Galatians 3:27; Romans 6:3-4; The hope of eternal life is located in Christ (1 John 5:11). That's exactly where we are!
- 4. Any person within the age of accountability who has obeyed the Gospel of Christ can know for sure he or she has the hope of eternal life.
- 5. Only those who have obeyed and continue to stay faithful can be sure of their eternal salvation (Acts 10; 11:14; 2 Timothy 2:10). We can be sure without a shadow of a doubt!
- 6. We thank God for His Word because through the Scriptures we can learn and know we have the hope of eternal life.

#### **TAKING CARE OF OUR HOPE OF ETERNAL SALVATION.**

1. There is no doubt in our minds that God has promised the hope of eternal life (Titus 1:2).
2. Nevertheless, this hope of eternal life, this salvation in Christ must be taken care of!
3. **Our salvation can be lost if we do not take care of it:**
  - a. Philippians 2:12 – We take care of our salvation with fear and trembling!
  - b. 1 Corinthians 9:27 – We can be disqualified from our salvation!
  - c. Revelation 2:10; James 1:12 – We can lose our crown of life!
  - d. 2 Timothy 4:7-9 – We can lose the crown of righteousness!
  - e. 1 Corinthians 5:2 – We have salvation only if we hold fast to it!
  - f. Galatians 5:4 – We can fall from grace!
4. **Several Christians in the Bible lost their salvation**
  - a. Demas (2 Timothy 4:10).
  - b. The false teachers in 2 Peter and Jude.
  - c. Christians in the Book of Hebrews.
  - d. **Some in the context of 1 John (Gnostics; 1 John 2:19)**
5. **Ways on how we can avoid losing our salvation based on 1 John.**
  - a. Do not depart from the faith (1 John 2:19).
  - b. Do not become a liar (1 John 1:8-9).
  - c. Do not deny that Jesus is the Christ (1 John 2:22).
  - d. Do not deny the incarnation of Christ (1 John 4:3).
  - e. Do not hate your brothers and sisters in Christ (1 John 3:15).
  - f. Grow in the knowledge of God's Word (1 John 2:14).
  - g. Do not love the world nor the things of the world (1 John 2:15-17).
6. This is the reason why we must live faithful lives in Christ!
7. Losing our eternal salvation will bring eternal consequences!

## CONCLUSIÓN:

1. In this lesson we have examined two main points regarding how we can be sure of our eternal salvation, and how we can take care of it!
2. I would like to end this lesson by encouraging non-Christians to obey the Gospel of Christ before it is eternally too late.
3. May we always have the full assurance of our eternal salvation in Christ.
4. May we never doubt we have salvation in Christ!

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