
ASSURANCE

LESSON TWO

Doubts concerning salvation are not uncommon. Even after we have sincerely and simply received Christ as our personal Savior, doubts sometime creep in. These doubts are **NOT** of God! They come from within -- from the human heart, our fallen nature. And they come from without -- from Satan or the Devil. We must not, therefore, depend on our feelings for assurance of salvation because (1) feelings often change and (2) Satan works in the realm of the mind and the emotions (11 Cor. 4: 3,4). Doubts come from Satan; assurance comes from God.

And how does this assurance come? Through the Word of God. Doesn't it make sense if everything we know, we know because the Bible tells us so? That is also how we **know** we are saved forever. Listen to this: *"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God"* (1 John 5:13). The Bible is written: (1) So you will believe in Christ, the Son of God, and (2) So that you will **know** that when you have Christ, you have eternal life.

"These things have I written...that ye may know..." We know that we are saved and saved eternally when we receive Christ because God says so -- and God cannot lie. Let God be true, and every man a liar (cf. 1 John 5:10). **Don't miss this truth: we truly know we are saved because the Bible, God's Word, says so -- and God cannot lie!**

Faith is taking God at His word. If God says, "Believe on

the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" -- either you are saved when you believe OR God is a liar! Those are the only two possibilities. So, when you believe you know you are saved because God who cannot lie has promised it! Faith is simply believing God.

Receiving Christ by faith is what saves you. Believing God's promises in the Bible is what gives you assurance of salvation. You need to be both saved and sure! And, thank God, you can be!

TRUTH IN REVIEW: (Look up verses)

Doubts come from the human heart and from Satan (Jer. 17:9; II Cor. 4:3,4).

Assurance of salvation comes from the Word of God alone (I John 5: 11,12).

Since God said it, it must be true, for God cannot lie (Rom. 3:4). Believe God's promise and assurance will be yours (Rev. 19:1; 21:5,6).

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS:

1. Doubts concerning s_____ are common to men.
2. These doubts come from within the evil hearts of men, and from without, from the D_____.
3. Assurance is based on God's promises in the B_____.
4. God cannot l____, so we can believe exactly what He says.
5. Assurance will be ours if we take God at His W_____.
6. Once I am saved, I am kept by the _____ of _____ (I Peter 1:5).
7. Once I am saved, God says He will _____ the job (Phil. 1:6).

ANSWERS:

Lesson 2: 1. Salvation 2. Devil 3. Bible 4. Lie 5. Word 6. Power 7. God 8. Complete