

What is Sanctification? Lesson 6 – Assurance of Salvation – Part 1

Introduction:

- Having assurance of salvation means that I am _____ that I belong to Christ and Christ belongs to me.
- Many true Christians struggle with _____ about their salvation.
- Many false Christians have a _____ sense of the assurance of salvation.
- The _____ why we need to have assurance of our salvation:
 - Assurance helps us live a _____ Christian life.
 - Assurance gives us the _____ of God.
 - Assurance gives us _____ to serve God.
 - Assurance helps us have greater _____ with God.

***Heb 10.21–22a** and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us **draw near** with a true heart in **full assurance** of faith,*

- Assurance helps us live _____.
- There are three ways God _____ us assurance of our salvation:
 - The _____ tells us that we are saved.
 - The _____ bears witness in us that we are saved.
 - The presence of _____ gives evidence that we are saved.

1. The Word of God tells us that we are saved.

- The Word of God is the _____ basis of our assurance.

A. Our assurance rests upon God's _____.

***Heb 10.19** Therefore, brothers, since **we have confidence** to enter the holy places by **the blood of Jesus**.*

Heb 10.21-22a and **since we have a Great Priest** over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in **full assurance** of faith,

- God is _____.

Heb 10.23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, **for He who promised is faithful.**

- The basis of our assurance is not in ourselves or our good works, but in _____ who is faithful!

1 Cor 1.9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rom 3.4a Let God be true though everyone were a liar.

James 1.17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from **the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change**

- Imagine what it would be like if God could change:
 - We could be saved today, but _____ tomorrow.
 - We could be loved today, but _____ tomorrow.
 - We could be received today, but _____ tomorrow.

Heb 13.8 Jesus Christ is **the same** yesterday and today and forever.

- Since God is faithful and cannot change, then it's true that:
 - If we are _____ today, we will be justified tomorrow and forever.
 - If we are in God's _____ today, no one can pluck us out tomorrow or forever.
 - If God _____ us with an everlasting love today, He will continue to love us tomorrow and forever.

Phil 1.6 And I am **sure** of this, that He who began a good work in you **will bring it to completion** at the day of Jesus Christ.

Malachi 3.6a For I the LORD **do not change**

B. Our assurance rests upon God's _____.

Heb 10.23 *Let us hold fast the confession of our hope, for He who promised is faithful.*

- **Whatever God says can be _____.**

Heb 13.5 *I will never leave you nor forsake you.*

John 10.27-28 *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and **they will never perish**, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.*

Rom 8.30 *And those whom he predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and **those whom He justified He also glorified.***

John 17.12 *I kept them in your name, which you have given Me, I have guarded them, and **not one of them has been lost.***

Psa 103.12 *As far as the east is from the west, so far **does He remove our transgressions from us.***

1 John 1.9 *If we confess our sins, **He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us** from all unrighteousness.*

- **Those are the kinds of promises that we need to believe when we are _____ our salvation.**
- **God's promises tell us to _____ the forgiveness of God.**
- **God's promises tell us to _____ the promises of the Gospel.**
- **God's promises tell us to _____ in the finished work of Christ.**
- **God's promises are God's _____ to us when we doubt and fear.**
- **God does not make promises to us and then refuse to _____ them.**

2 Cor 1.19-20 *For the Son of God, **Jesus Christ**, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, **was not Yes and No**, but in him **it is always Yes.** 20 **For all the promises of God find their Yes in him.** That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.*

- **God's promises can be believed because they are rooted in His _____ character.**

Heb 6.17-18 So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the **unchangeable character** of his purpose, he **guaranteed** it with an oath, 18 so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is **impossible for God to lie**, we who have fled for refuge might have **strong encouragement** to hold fast to the hope set before us.

Heb 13.8 Jesus Christ is **the same** yesterday, today, and forever.

- God cannot change His _____.
- God cannot change His _____.
- God cannot change His _____.
- God cannot change His _____.
- Our assurance rests on _____ character and promises to us, not on our character or our promises to God.

C. Our assurance rests upon God's work of _____ us in Christ.

2 Cor 1.21-22 And it is **God who establishes us** with you in Christ, and has **anointed us**, 22 and who has also **put his seal on us** and **given us His Spirit** in our hearts as a **guarantee**.

- To be established in Christ means that God has _____ us in Christ.
 - Our acceptance before God is _____ by God's Spirit living within us.

Eph 1.13-14 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were **sealed with the promised Holy Spirit**, 14 who is **the guarantee of our inheritance** until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

- Our acceptance before God is the result of God's _____ work on our behalf.

Phil 1.6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

- Our eternal acceptance before God is the result of _____ work, not ours.

Conclusion:

- The Word of God _____ us that we are saved.
- The assurance of our salvation does not rest upon ourselves, but upon _____.
- Our assurance _____ upon God's character, God's promise, and God's work of establishing us in Christ.
- Remember these facts:
 - God has _____ us to be His own.
 - God _____ us by the Holy Spirit, and we are His possession.
 - God _____ for our salvation completely by the death of Jesus.
 - The Holy Spirit within _____ that God will complete the work.