

2013 Basic Doctrines (27)
(The Assurance and Security of your Salvation)

Request: “Pastor Ron, I have struggled for years in doubt of my salvation. Some of my Christian friends tell me I can never know for certain. These friends seem very dedicated to living each day for Christ. I have other Christian friends who tell me “once saved always saved.” But these friends don’t seem to be as dedicated to living each day for Christ. Can you help me sort through this conflict? I don’t know if I am saved temporarily or permanently. How can I know for certain?”

- This person is not alone in this conflict.

This lesson will study THREE aspects and a special HOME STUDY that will help you understand the connection between assurance and security of your salvation.

1. Both Peter and Paul taught that spiritual growth was built upon the foundation of ones assurance of the security of their salvation (1 Cor.3:10-11).

(1 Pet.2:2) “Like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the world, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation.” (Heb.5:13-14)

(Eph.4:14-15) “As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all respects to Him who is the head, even Christ.” (James 1:6-8)

2. Jesus dealt with a similar problem as recorded in our lesson text with a man named, Nicodemus.

Nicodemus is a Greek name meaning “victor over people”. Some think his full name was Nicodemus Ben Gorion; and that he was the brother of Josephus, the famous Jewish historian (Unger). They believe he was one of three richest men of his day; and he lost everything as a result of the burial of Jesus Christ (John 19:39-42).

We will begin by outlining our lesson text into the following three sections. This will help to study Jesus’ approach to a similar problem. Watch for admonition to “pay attention” with “Truly, truly, I say to you.”

(John 3:1-4) **The Religious mindset vs. the mindset of Christ** (we know/ SIGNS)

- **Doctrine (John 3:3)**
- **Question (John 3:4) [How?]**

(John 3:5-9) **The Natural mind vs. The mind of Christ** (1 Cor.2:14-16) and (born again) [See and enter]

- **Doctrine (John 3:5)**
- **Question (John 3:9) [How?]**

(John 3:10-21) **Christ's teachings comparing the** bronze serpent incident to the crucifixion of Son of man recorded in (Num.21:4-9) (1 Cor.10:9).

- **Doctrine (John 3:11-13)**
- **Answer (John 3:14-16)**

The Judgment (John 3:17-21; Rev.20:11-15)

3. Assurance is the sole responsibility of the Church Age Believer (CAB) (Rom.10:17).

“What assurance then has the child of God that he is even rescued from the penalty of sin, much less rescued from its power and presence.” (Ren.of NT, vol.11, pg.512)

(Rom.8:1-3) “Therefore there is **now no** (oudeis) [Absolutely None!] **Condemnation** (katakrima) [the 13 judicial charges of AOS] (1 John 2:1-2) **for those who are in Christ Jesus**. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death (Rom.5:12-21; Gen.2:17). For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, **God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh.**”

Note the two diametrical apposed laws and affect the two have upon all mankind.

Note that the phrase “**set free**” (eleutheroo / a.a.ind.3ps) is one verb (Rom.8:1-2)

Note the two reasons why there is no condemnation for those in Christ (Rom.8:2-3)

“It is significant that Paul should open this section on the victorious life with this **assurance of salvation** for those who are in the body of Christ.” (Ren.of NT, vol.11, pg.512)

HOME STUDY: The Security of salvation is the sole responsibility of God (Rom.1:16; 1 Pet.1:23).

Love of God (John 3:16, 36; Rom.5:5-11; **1 John 4:9-11**)

Family of God (Gal.3:26; 4:4-7; Rom.8:15-17; **John 1:12**)

Hands of God (Jude 24-25; **John 10:28-30**)

The Beloved

Child of God

Sovereignty of God

Eternal Life in Son

The Indwelling of Holy Spirit

Sealed until day of redemption

(1 John 5:11-13; **John 20:31**)

(1 Cor.3:16-17; 6:19-20; **John 14:16**)

(2 Cor.1:21-22; Eph.1:13-14; **4:30**)

Believe the Gospel

Forever

Sealed

Concluding Principle: While to Assurance of salvation is the responsibility of the Believer, the Security of it is the responsibility of God.