Assurance

1. EVERYONE IS EITHER SAVED OR LOST.

Everyone, whether he realizes it or not, IS either saved or lost; there can be no neutral position.

1. WE ARE EITHER PARDONED OR CONDEMNED: WE CANNOT BE BOTH.

John 3:18 “not condemned…condemned already”

Mark 16:16 “shall be saved…shall be damned”

1. WE ARE EITHER SPIRITUALLY ALIVE OR DEAD: WE CANNOT BE BOTH.

Ephesians 2:1 “quickened, who were dead”

I John 5:11, 12 “hath life…hath not life”. Also John 3:36

Romans 6:11 “dead unto sin, but alive unto God”

1. WE BELONG EITHER TO GOD OR SATAN: WE CANNOT BELONG TO BOTH.

I Corinthians 6:20 “bought with a price.” We are God’s.

Romans 6:20-22 “were servants of sin…not servants to God.

Col. 1:13

1. IT IS POSSIBLE TO KNOW IF YOU ARE SAVED.

The Bible definitely teaches (1) that salvation is an actual present possession; (2) that we may KNOW it is ours.

1. WE CAN KNOW WE ARE SAVED.

I Corinthians 1:18 “unto us which ARE SAVED”

Luke 7:50 “thy faith HATH saved thee”

1. WE CAN KNOW WE ARE FORGIVEN

Ephesians 4:32 “God HATH forgiven you.” Also Ephesians 1:7.

I John 2:12 “your sins ARE forgiven you”

1. WE CAN KNOW WE ARE JUSTIFIED.

Acts 13:38,39 “all that believe ARE JUSTIFIED”

Romans 5:9 “being NOW justified by His blood”

1. WE CAN KNOW WE ARE BORN AGAIN

Galatians 4:6 “because ye ARE sons.” I John 3:2 “now ARE”

I John 5:19 “we KNOW that we are of God”

1. WE CAN KNOW WE HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.

I John 5:11-13 “that ye may KNOW that ye HAVE…life”

John 5:24 “HATH everlasting life”

1. WE CAN KNOW OUR NAMES ARE IN HIS BOOK.

Philippians 4:3 “whose names ARE in the book of life”

Luke 10:20 “your names ARE written in heaven”

1. HOW WE KNOW THAT WE ARE SAVED.
2. BY THE WITNESS OF THE WORD OF GOD.

I John 5:13 “these…WRITTEN….that ye might KNOW”

John 5:24 “heareth My WORD and believeth….HATH”

1. BY THE WITNESS OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD

I John 3:24 “hereby we KNOW…by the Spirit…given us”

Romans 8:16 “Spirit beareth witness…we ARE…of God”

IMPORTANT: The Spirit witnesses thru the Word. See Hebrews 10:15, 16 “Holy Ghost also is a witness to us”

How? I Peter 1:10, 11 He “testified” thru the Prophets: Acts 28:25.

1. BY THE WITNESS OF THE CHANGED LIFE.

Matthew 7:20 “by their fruits ye shall know them.” (Galatians 5:22-23)

I John 3:14 “we KNOW…because we LOVE the brethren.”

I John 3:18-19 “hereby (loving in deed and truth) KNOW”