



Summer Selection Series  
How Do I Know That I'm Saved?  
From Sermon 8.24.25

Read *1 Peter 2:10 & 2 Corinthians 13:5*

Overview from Sunday's sermon: One of the great questions that comes up from time to time (and following our Q&A sermon) is "how do I know that I'm saved?" There could be bigger answer. It's takes us back to our series in John, where we kept being asked, by Jesus, "Who do you say that I am?" Everything is at stake in our answer. This is a real stressor for some. God want His children to know peace in their relationship with Him, to have faith in His promises, and to discover biblical evaluations of salvation.

1. Do you/have you struggle with assurance of salvation? Various Personal Answers

1a. If you no longer struggle with assurance, what changed for you and when? Various Personal Answers

\*The Truth: You can know that you're saved. God wants you to have assurance. We have more gauges/tests to evaluate our salvation. See *1 John 5:12-13 & Ephesians 2:8-9*

2. Discuss: The devil is busy doing two things...

...Convincing Lost People that they are safe. God is their definition of love. His love overrides any holiness. All religions are different paths to the same end. Just be sincere. There are scales in heaven.

...Convincing saved people they are lost. Lost people are not laying awake in bed at night worried about their salvation.

3. What do World religions, Roman Catholicism, & classic Arminianism all have in common regarding salvation? = You Cannot have any assurance. All you can do is work & work, try, and hope for the best.

4. While the Bible is clear that you can have assurance, it also warns about a false assurance. What are some of those false assurances based on false teachings? I go to church. Membership. Baptized. I had an experience when I was a kid/teenager. I was raised in Christian home. I believe in "God". I'm spiritual.

5. What, then, are some evidences for the Assurance of Salvation based on sound doctrine? That which I love. I love Jesus as revealed in Scripture, not my definition or wishes. I love and crave His Word. I love His house and people. Fellowship. I cherish biblical worship. I view myself as His slave and serve Him in the local church. I look forward to Christ's return.

Also: That which I now hate. I hate my old self and my current sins. I hate that which attacks or perverts God's truth. I despise this world system and all it offers. See Romans 7:18-24 & 1 John 2:5

6. Are the trials in life an indicator/gauge of my salvation or lack of it? No. Depends. Yes, we face some/many trials due to our own sinful choices. Those aside, many trials are just the price of living in a sinful, fallen, and condemned universe. Other trials are specifically due to my status as a child of God.

6a. List biblical examples of those who faced immense trials because they were godly & genuinely saved. Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Samuel, Job, David\*, the Prophets, Daniel, John the Baptist, the Apostles, Paul [Jesus]. See also 2 Timothy 3:12 & 1 Peter 4:12-16 [\*Note: some of David's greatest losses were due to his own sinful choices.]