

THE ASSURANCE OF YOUR SALVATION

LESSON THREE

This is the third and final lesson on the subject of salvation. In the first lesson we learned that

* every person can know that he/she has eternal life even before death

(**Philippians 1:21-23**);

* each of us is guilty of sin and in no way deserving of Heaven.

The second lesson clarified that a person is not saved by his works, but only by his faith in Christ. A person can be saved by admitting that he is a lost sinner and calling upon the name of the Lord to be saved (**Romans 10:13**). If you have personally trusted Christ for salvation, the Bible says that you are saved.

How long does this salvation last? Can you lose it? We would like to consider these questions in lesson three, The Assurance of Your Salvation.

OUR ASSURANCE IS BASED ON GOD'S FAITHFULNESS, NOT OURS.

1. Read **John 10:28** and **29** and answer the following questions:

What does Jesus give to those who are saved (to those who follow Him)?

Will they ever perish?

In whose hand are they?

In this passage, does our security depend on our hanging onto God or upon God hanging onto us?

2. What is Jesus' prayer for the believers as recorded in **John 17:11** and **15**?

Do you think Jesus ever prayed a prayer that was not answered?

3. According to **Romans 8:35** and **37**, what will not separate us from the love of Christ?

4. According to **Romans 8:38** and **39**, what will not separate the believer from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus?

5. What was Paul confident about in **Philippians 1:6**?

6. How is a believer kept (**I Peter 1:5**)?

7. What are two things that Christ is able to do for the saved person (**Jude 24**; Jude is the next to the last book in the New Testament)?

8. Read **Hebrews 10:14**. This verse states that the believer has been perfected, or brought to a completed state. Those who are being sanctified, or set apart, are those who have trusted Christ.

How many offerings or sacrifices did it take to perfect the believers?

How long will they be perfected?

9. Who is Christ able to save (**Hebrews 7:25**)?

This is true only because Christ continues to make intercession for them before God.

THE HOLY SPIRIT SEALS OUR SALVATION.

In the New Testament a seal was a mark of ownership. A person would place a mark, or imprint, on an object that belonged to him, similar to the branding of animals.

1. What happens to a person immediately after he/she believes (**Ephesians 1:13**)?

2. How long is this seal effective (**Ephesians 4:30**)?

3. If the seal is mark of ownership, to whom does the believer belong (**I Corinthians 6:19, 20**)?

TRUE SECURITY IN CHRIST DOES NOT GIVE THE BELIEVER A LICENSE TO SIN.

Some might say, “If I am saved and kept by God’s power, I can live any way I please.” Read **Romans 6:1** and **2**. (The whole chapter of **Romans 6** is beneficial to read.)

1. After a person has been freed from the control of sin (this happens at the time of salvation), whose servant does he become?

Romans 6:13

Romans 6:18

Romans 6:22

2. What will happen to a believer if he strays from living according to God’s standards (**Hebrews 12:5**)?

Whom does the Lord chasten?

3. If a person can live as he pleases and without God’s chastening, what do we know about that person (**Hebrews 12:8**)?

After we have been truly saved (by faith apart from works), God not only keeps us, but He also guides our lives. If we stray, we do not lose our eternal life, but we are lovingly chastened by our Heavenly Father. Eternal life is the greatest gift anyone can receive.

Do you know for sure that you have received this gift? If you have not yet placed your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior, you can do so now.

Talk to the Lord. He’s ready to listen. Admit to Him that you are a sinner, and believe that Christ died for your sins and rose again from the dead. He will save you and come into your life.