

Assurance of Salvation

- 1) Objective: The disciple is sure that he is saved and he will know
 - a) Christ has come into his life
 - b) He has been reborn as a whole new creation
 - c) All his sins have been forgiven
 - d) A new relationship has been established between him and God
 - e) He will never again be separated from God

- 2) Scriptural Basis
 - a) John 3.16 – 18, 5.24, 10.27 – 29, 17.1 – 3
 - b) Romans 8.1 – 3, 31 – 39, 10.5 – 13
 - c) Eph. 1.13 – 14,
 - d) Col. 1.13, 2.13 – 14
 - e) Heb. 7.23 – 25, 13.5
 - f) 1 Pet. 1.1 – 9
 - g) 1 John 2.12, 4.16, 5.11 – 13

- 3) Definition
 - a) Assurance of Salvation: the conviction that though he was previously lost and separated from God he is now redeemed by Christ sacrificial death on the cross and saved for all eternity. He may or may not have had a dramatic experience upon conversion and he may or may not feel any different, but he has the settled confidence that Christ has entered his life, has saved him, has recreated him, and will never leave him or forsake him.

- 4) Where does Salvation come from?
 - a) Not just saying a prayer, the prayer is meant to be from the heart, if it was not then you are not saved. God is a judge of our hearts, and He knows exactly what we were doing. (Heb 4.12 - 13)
 - b) Eph. 2.8 – 9 says we are saved by faith. Faith involves a volitional commitment to Christ and it is what saves. Belief is just a mental understanding.

- 5) Suggestions for growth
 - a) Fact – what is true according to God's Word
 - b) Faith – represents our beliefs, our confidence in certain truths, which leads to opinions and actions.
 - c) Feelings – subjective, emotional, sensitivities and impressions
 - d) Train illustration

- 6) What Just Happened
 - a) Christ has come into your life
 - i) God's call – Rom 5.8, 1 Pet. 3.18, 1 Tim 2.5 – 6
 - ii) Must hear and respond – H – John 5.24, Rom 10.17 – R – John 3.16, Acts 16.30 – 31
 - iii) Christ will Come into your heart – John 1.12 – 13, Col. 1.27
 - b) You are a new creation (2 Cor. 5.17, John 3.1 – 8)
 - c) All your sins, past, present and future have been forgiven (Ps 32.5, 103.12, Eph 1.6 – 7)
 - d) A new relationship has been established between you and God (Rom. 5.6 – 8, 8.15 – 17)
 - e) You will never again be separated from God.