

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

OBJECTIVE:

- To combat Satan by dealing with doubts of salvation and helping one to know that Christ lives in him eternally.

PRINCIPLES:

1. God accepts us unconditionally—Romans 8:38-39
2. Satan is the source of doubts—I Peter 5:8-9
3. Becoming a Christian establishes an eternal Father-Son relationship with God I John 1:12.
4. Sin breaks fellowship with God, not relationship – I Peter 1:3-5
5. Trust God and His Word rather than your feelings – Romans 10:7

VERSES TO MEMORIZE:

- I John 5:11-13 I John 1:9 John 5:24 Psalm 37:23-24
- I Peter 1:5 Romans 8:16 I Peter 5:8-9
- John 3:16 Revelation 3:20 I Corinthians 10:13

SCRIPTURES AND KEY THOUGHTS:

- John 10:27-30: Jesus will not cast out.
- Matthew 4:1-10: Satan came to Jesus – Jesus combated him with the Word.
- Genesis 3:1-2: Satan stirs doubt.
- John 8:1-11: Jesus totally forgives everything

ILLUSTRATIONS:

1. Hitting your father on head with a bottle would break fellowship, but not relationship.
2. Eternal can't be here today and gone tomorrow.
3. Salvation is like marriage—you either are or aren't.
4. Train illustration
5. Drive a spiritual stake concerning salvation to bring Satan to when he causes doubts.
6. It is hard to get something out of a double fist. We are in Christ; Christ is in God.

PROJECTS:

1. Memorize I John 1:9; 5:11-13
2. Have him prepare bridge illustration, his testimony, and assurance presentation.
3. Share tools Satan uses to cause doubts with a verse to combat each.
4. Topical study on eternal life.
5. Read and memorize verses in Beginning with Christ

TOOLS SATAN USES TO CAUSE DOUBTS:

1. Misunderstanding character of God—John 10:27-30
2. Unconfessed sin—I John 1:9
3. Disobedience—I John 2:4,5
4. Living by our feelings—II Corinthians 5:6,7
5. Lack of daily fellowship—Jeremiah 29:12,13