

Loris First Baptist Church
“52 Vital Doctrines of The Bible”

Doctrine #32 – Assurance of Salvation

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A. Importance of Assurance

1. In Christian experience, assurance that one is saved by faith in Christ is “essential” to the whole program of growth in grace and in the knowledge of Christ.
2. Assurance is a matter of “experience” and relates to personal “confidence” in present salvation.
 - a. It should not be confused with the doctrine of eternal security, which will be discussed in the next chapter.
 - b. Eternal security is a question of “fact”, while assurance is a matter of “what one believes” at a given time concerning his “personal salvation”.
3. Assurance of salvation depends upon three major aspects of experience:
 - a. understanding of the completeness of the salvation provided in Jesus Christ;
 - b. the confirming testimony of Christian experience;
 - c. acceptance by faith of biblical promises of salvation.

B. Understanding the Nature of Salvation

1. Essential to any real assurance of salvation is a clear understanding of what was accomplished by Jesus Christ in His death on the cross.
2. Salvation is not a work of man for God, but a work of God for man; it depends completely upon divine grace without respect to human merit.
3. One who understands that Jesus Christ died for him and provided a complete salvation which is offered to anyone who sincerely believes in Christ can, accordingly, have assurance of his salvation just as soon as he meets the condition of trusting in Christ as his Savior.
4. In many cases, lack of assurance is due to incomplete understanding of the nature of salvation.

5. Once it is understood that salvation is a gift which cannot be earned, cannot be obtained by human effort, and cannot be deserved, and is available as a gift of God to all who will receive it by faith, a proper basis for assurance of salvation is provided, and the question resolves itself into the issue of whether one has really trusted in Christ. This question can be answered by the confirmations that are found in Christian experience of a person who has received salvation.
6. Among the various divine accomplishments which together constitute the salvation of a soul, the importation of a new life from God is, in the Bible, given the supreme emphasis.
7. Upwards of eighty-five New Testament passages attest this feature of saving grace.
 - a. Consideration of these passages discloses the fact that this imparted life is the *gift* of God to all those who believe on Christ:

John 10:28 "I GIVE THEM eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand."

Romans 6:23 "*For the wages of sin is death, but THE GIFT OF GOD is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*"

- b. It is *from* Christ:

John 14:6 "*Jesus answered, I AM THE WAY and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father EXCEPT THROUGH ME.*"

- c. It is Christ indwelling the believer in the sense that eternal life is inseparable from Him:

Colossians 1:27 "*To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, WHICH IS CHRIST IN YOU, the hope of glory.*"

1 John 5:11, 12 "*And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, AND THIS LIFE IS IN HIS SON. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.*"

- d. And, therefore, is as eternal as He is eternal.

C. The Confirming Testimony of Christian Experience

1. On the basis of the fact that Christ indwells him, the believer is appointed to judge himself as to whether he is in the faith.

2 Corinthians 13:5 "Examine yourselves TO SEE WHETHER YOU ARE IN THE FAITH; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test?"

2. For it is reasonable to expect that the heart wherein Christ dwells will, under normal conditions, be aware of that wonderful presence.
3. However, the Christian is not left to his own misguided feelings and imagination as to the precise manner in which the indwelling Christ will be manifested, as it is clearly defined in Scripture.

4. For the Christian who is subject to the Word of God, this particular revelation serves a twofold purpose:
 - a. It protects against the assumption that fleshly emotionalism is of God—a belief far too prevalent at the present time—
 - b. And it sets a standard of spiritual reality toward which all who are saved should ceaselessly strive.
5. It is obvious that an unsaved person, be he ever so faithful in outward conformity to religious practice, will never manifest the life which is Christ.
6. In like manner, the carnal Christian is abnormal to the extent that he can in no way with accuracy prove his salvation by his experience.
7. Although eternal life in itself is unlimited, all normal Christian experience is limited by that which is carnal.

1 Corinthians 3:1-4 *“Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people WHO ARE STILL WORLDLY—mere infants in Christ. I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. **YOU ARE STILL WORLDLY**. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not **ACTING LIKE MERE HUMANS**? For when one says, ‘I follow Paul,’ and another, ‘I follow Apollos,’ are you not mere human beings?”*

8. A carnal Christian is as perfectly saved as the spiritual Christian; for no experience or merit or service can form any part of the grounds of salvation.
9. Though but a baby, he is, nevertheless, *in Christ*:

1 Corinthians 3:1 *“Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants IN CHRIST.”*

10. His obligation toward God is not to exercise saving faith, but rather to adjust to the mind and will of God.
11. It is of fundamental importance to understand that a normal Christian experience is realized only by those who are Spirit-filled.
12. The new life in Christ which results from being saved by faith issues in certain major manifestations.
 - a. The knowledge that God is our Heavenly Father is one of the precious experiences which belong to one who has put his trust in Christ.
 - 1) In Matthew 11:27 it is declared that no one knows the Father except the Son and he to whom the Son will reveal Him.

- 2) It is one thing to know about God, an experience possible for the unregenerate, but quite another thing to know God, which can be realized only as the Son reveals Him, "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God" (John 17:3).
- 3) Fellowship with the Father and with the Son is known only by those who "walk in the light" (1 John 1:7).
- 4) A normal Christian experience includes, therefore, a personal appreciation of the fatherhood of God.

b. A new reality in prayer is another confirming experience which leads to assurance.

- 1) Prayer assumes a very large place in the experience of the spiritual Christian. It becomes increasingly his most vital resource.

- 2) By the indwelling Spirit the believer offers praise and thanksgiving:

Ephesians 5:18-19 *"Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs FROM THE SPIRIT. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord..."*

- 3) And by the Spirit he is enabled to pray according to the will of God:

Romans 8:26-27 *"In the same way, the Spirit HELPS US IN OUR WEAKNESS. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WILL OF GOD."*

Jude 20 *"But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit..."*

- 4) It is reasonable to believe, also, that since Christ's ministry both on earth and in heaven was and is so much one of prayer, the one in whom He dwells will normally be moved to prayer.

c. A new ability to understand Scripture is another important experience related to salvation.

- 1) According to the promise of Christ, the child of God will understand through the Spirit the things of Christ, the things of the Father, and things to come (John 16:12-15).

- 2) On the Emmaus road Christ opened Scripture to His hearers (Luke 24:32)

- 3) And opened their hearts to Scripture as well (Luke 24:45).

- 4) Such an experience, though so wonderful, is not designed alone for favored Christians; it is the “normal experience” of all who are right with God since it is a natural manifestation of the indwelling Christ.

1 John 2:27 “As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in him.”

d. A new sense of the sinfulness of sin is the normal experience of one who is saved.

- 1) As water removes that which is foreign and unclean:

Ezekiel 36:25 “I will sprinkle clean water on you, and YOU WILL BE CLEAN; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols.”

John 3:5 “Jesus answered, ‘Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are BORN OF WATER and the Spirit.’”

Titus 3:5-6 “He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through THE WASHING OF RENEWAL AND REBIRTH by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior...”

1 Peter 3:21 “...and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

1 John 5:6-8 “This is the one who came BY WATER and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.”

- 2) So the Word of God displaces all human conceptions and implants those ideals which are of God (Ps. 119:11),
- 3) And by the action of the Word of God as applied by the Spirit the divine estimate of sin displaces the human estimate.
- 4) It is impossible that the sinless Christ, who sweat drops of blood on becoming a sin offering, should not, when free to manifest His presence, create a new sense of the corrupting nature of sin in the one in whom He dwells.

e. A new love is realized for the unsaved.

- 1) The fact that Christ has died for all men is the grounds upon which the Apostle Paul could say, “Henceforth know we no man after the flesh”

2 Corinthians 5:14-19 “For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again. So from now on WE REGARD NO ONE FROM A HUMAN POINT

OF VIEW. *Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation.*"

- 2) Apart from all earthly distinctions, men were seen by his spiritual eyes only as souls for whom Christ had died.
- 3) Likewise, for the lost Paul ceased not to pray and to strive and for them he was willing to be "accursed from Christ."

Romans 9:1-3 *"I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For FOR I COULD WISH THAT I WAS CURSED and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race..."*

Romans 10:1 *"Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites IS THAT THEY MAY BE SAVED."*

Romans 15:20 *"It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel WHERE CHRIST IS NOT KNOWN, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation."*

- 4) As a result of the divine presence in the heart this divine compassion should be experienced by every Spirit-filled believer:

Romans 5:5 *"And hope does not put us to shame, because GOD'S LOVE HAS BEEN POURED OUT INTO OUR HEARTS through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us."*

Galatians 5:22 *"But the fruit of the Spirit is LOVE, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness..."*

f. A new love is experienced also for the saved.

- 1) In 1 John 3:14, love for the brethren is made an "absolute test" of personal salvation.
- 2) This is reasonable, since by the regenerating work of the Spirit the believer is brought into a new kinship in the household and family of God, wherein alone the true fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man exist.
- 3) The fact that the same divine presence indwells two individuals relates them vitally and anticipates a corresponding bond of devotion. The Christian's love one for the other is therefore made the insignia of true discipleship and this affection is the normal experience of all who are born of God.

John 13:34-35 *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, IF YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER."*

- g. A supreme basis for salvation is the manifestation of the character of Christ in the believer.
 - 1) His resulting subjective experiences which are due to the unhindered divine Presence in the heart are indicated in nine words: "Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance" (Gal. 5:22-23)
 - 2) And each word represents a flood tide of reality on the plane of the limitless character of God.
 - 3) This is the life which Christ lived.

John 13:34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, so you must love one another."

John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you; MY PEACE I GIVE YOU. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

John 15:11 "I have told you this SO THAT MY JOY may be in you and that your joy may be complete."

- 4) It is the life which is Christ-like:

Philippians 2:5-7 "In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness."

- 5) And it is the life which is Christ:

Philippians 1:21 "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain."

- 6) Since these graces are wrought by the Spirit who indwells every believer, this experience is provided for all.
- h. The combined experiences of the Christian life bring a consciousness of salvation through faith in Christ.
 - 1) Saving faith in Christ is a definite experience. The Apostle Paul related of himself, "I know whom I have believed"

2 Timothy 1:12 "That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED, and am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day."

- 2) A personal reliance upon a Savior is so definite an act of the will and attitude of the mind that one could hardly be deceived regarding it. But it is the purpose of God that the normal Christian be assured in his own heart that he is accepted of God.

3) To the spiritual Christian, the Spirit bears witness that he is a son of God:

Romans 8:16 *"The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN."*

4) Similarly, having trusted in Christ, the believer will have no more the *consciousness* of condemnation because of sin.

John 3:18 *"Whoever believes in Him IS NOT CONDEMNED, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son..."*

John 5:24 *"Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes Him who sent me has eternal life AND WILL NOT BE JUDGED but has crossed over from death to life."*

Romans 8:1 *"Therefore, there is now NO CONDEMNATION for those who are in Christ Jesus..."*

Hebrews 10:2 *"Otherwise, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and WOULD NOT LONGER HAVE FELT GUILTY FOR THEIR SINS."*

5) This does not imply that the Christian will not be conscious of the sin which he commits; it rather has to do with a consciousness of an eternal acceptance with God through Christ which is the portion of all who believe.

Ephesians 1:5-6 *"He predestined us to be ADOPTED AS HIS SONS to the praise of His glorious grace, which He has freely given us in the One He loves."*

Colossians 2:13 *"When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, GOD MADE YOU ALIVE IN CHRIST. He forgave us all our sins..."*

6) In concluding the enumeration of the essential elements of a true Christian experience, it should again be stated that mere fleshly emotionalism is excluded, and that the experience of the believer will be normal only as he is "walking in the light".

1 John 1:7 *"But IF WE WALK IN THE LIGHT, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin."*

Accepting the Veracity of the Promises of the Bible

1. Confidence that the Bible is true and that its promises of salvation will be certainly fulfilled is essential to assurance of salvation.
 - a. Above and beyond all that the believer may experience—which experience is too often indefinite because of carnality—there is given the abiding evidence of the dependable Word of God. In addressing believers the Apostle John states:

1 John 5:13 *"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; THAT YOU MAY KNOW THAT YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE."*

- b. By this passage assurance is given to every believer, carnal and spiritual alike, that they may *know* they have eternal life.
- c. This assurance is made to rest, not on a changeable experience, but upon the things which are written in the unchangeable Word of God.

Psalm 119:89 “Your word, Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.”

Psalm 119:160 “All Your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal.”

Matthew 5:18 “For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law UNTIL EVERYTHING IS ACCOMPLISHED.”

Matthew 24:35 “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away.”

1 Peter 1:23 “For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.”

1 Peter 1:25 “...but the word of the Lord endures forever. And this is the word that was preached to you.”

- d. The written promises of God are like a title deed and thus challenge confidence.

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him SHALL NOT PERISH but have eternal life.”

John 3:36 “Whoever believes in the Son HAS ETERNAL LIFE, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on them.”

John 5:24 “Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes Him who sent Me HAS ETERNAL LIFE and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.”

John 6:37 “All those the Father gives Me will come to Me, and whoever comes to Me I WILL NEVER DRIVE AWAY.”

Acts 16:31 “They replied, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus, and YOU WILL BE SAVED—you and your household...’”

Romans 1:16 “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation TO EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.”

Romans 3:22 “THIS RIGHTEOUSNESS IS GIVEN through faith in Jesus Christ TO ALL WHO BELIEVE. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile...”

Romans 3:26 “He did it to demonstrate His righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and THE ONE WHO JUSTIFIES those who have faith in Jesus.”

Romans 10:13 “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord WILL BE SAVED.”

- e. These promises of salvation form the unconditional covenant of God under grace and call for no human merit, nor are they proven to be true through any human experience.
 - f. These mighty realities are to be reckoned as accomplished on no other ground than the veracity of God.
2. Doubting whether one has really committed himself to faith in Christ and the promises of God is destructive to the Christian faith.
- a. Multitudes are in no way certain that they ever have had a personal transaction with Christ regarding their own salvation.
 - b. While it is nonessential that one should know the day and the hour of his decision, it is imperative that he know that he is *now* trusting Christ without reference to the time it began.
 - c. The apostle states that he is persuaded that God is able to keep (lit., “guard his deposit”) that which he had committed unto Him

2 Timothy 1:12 *“That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.”*

- d. Obviously the cure for any uncertainty as to one’s acceptance of Christ is to receive Christ *now*, reckoning that no self-merit or religious works are of value—Christ alone can save
 - e. One lacking assurance that he has actually committed himself by faith to God for the salvation which only God can supply should remedy this lack by taking the definite step of faith
 - f. This is an act of the will, although it may be accompanied by emotion and necessarily requires some understanding of the doctrine of salvation.
 - g. Many have been helped by the simple prayer, “Lord, if I have never put my trust in you before, I do it now.” No true assurance of salvation can be experienced unless there is a definite act of receiving Christ by faith as Savior.
3. Doubting the faithfulness of God is also fatal to any true experience of assurance.
- a. Some lack assurance of their own salvation because they are not sure that God has actually received them and saved them
 - b. This state of mind is usually caused by looking for a change in their feelings rather than looking to the faithfulness of Christ.
 - c. Feelings and experiences have their place; but, as stated before, the final evidence of personal salvation, which is unchanged by these, is the truthfulness of God.
 - d. What He has said, He will do, and it is not pious or commendable for a person to distrust his salvation after having definitely cast himself upon Christ.

4. Assurance of salvation, accordingly, depends upon understanding the nature of God's complete salvation for those who put their trust in Christ.
 - a. Confirmation may also be found in part in Christian experience, and normally there is some change in life on the part of a person who has trusted Christ as his Savior.
 - b. It is most essential that he realize that assurance of salvation depends upon the certainty of the promises of God and the certainty that the individual has committed himself by faith to Jesus Christ in keeping with these promises.
 - c. One who has made this commitment can rely upon the faithfulness of God (who cannot lie!) to keep His promises and to save the believer by divine power and grace.

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Doctrine # 32 - “Assurance of Salvation”

1. Read Pages 1-11 from the Doctrine#32 Study Guide by next Wednesday.
2. Answer the following Questions about “Assurance of Salvation” as you read:

a. Importance of Assurance

- 1) In Christian experience, the “assurance” that one is saved by faith in Christ is “essential” to what?
(page 1, top)

- 2) What is the main difference between the Doctrine of Eternal Security and the Doctrine of Assurance?
(page 1, top)

- 3) What are the three major aspects of “experience” which the “assurance” of salvation depends upon?
(page 1, middle)

b. Understanding the Nature of Salvation

- 1) Salvation is “NOT” a work of man “for” God; rather, it is a work of God “for” man. What does it completely depend upon? (page 1, bottom)

- 2) In many cases, the “lack of assurance” of one’s salvation is due to “what”? (page 1, bottom)

- 3) About how many verses of Scripture in the New Testament attest to the fact that salvation includes the “importation” of a new life from God which is based “solely” on His grace when a person places their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior? (page 2, top)

- 4) According to Romans 6:23, what is the “gift of God” (that can NOT be earned by man!)?

c. The Confirming Testimony of Christian Experience

- 1) According to 2Corinthians 13:5, Paul asks everyone who “thinks” he or she is saved to do what?

- 2) What is “reasonable” to expect from a person who has Christ dwelling within their heart? (page 2, bottom)

- 3) Why is having your “assurance” of your salvation based on the revelation of the Word of God a good thing? (page 3, top)

- 4) What is something that a “carnal” Christian can in no way do with “accuracy”? (page 3, top; 1Cor 3:1-4)

- 5) What is a “carnal” Christian just as “perfectly” saved as a “spiritual” Christian? (page 3, middle)

- 6) According to 1Corinthians 3:1, while living a life that is displeasing to God, a carnal (i.e. “worldly”) Christian is still living “in” whom?

- 7) A “carnal” Christian’s obligation toward God is “NOT” to exercise saving faith, but rather to do what?
(page 3, bottom)
- 8) True or False. Both “lost” and “saved” people can “know” a lot about God and believe many of the same things about God; however, only believers who “walk in the light” can have “fellowship” with God and can experience a “personal” appreciation of the fatherhood of God.
(page 4, top; see also 1John 1:7)
- 9) It is reasonable to believe that since Christ’s ministry both on earth and in heaven was (and still “is”) one of “prayer”, the one IN WHOM He dwells will normally be moved to “what”?
(page 4, bottom; see also Ephesians 5:18-19; Romans 8:26-27; Jude 20)
- 10) In relationship to the Word of God, what is an important “experience” of a believer related to salvation that was not possible before he or she was saved? (page 4, bottom; see also 1Cor 2:12-14; John 16:12-15)
- 11) True or False. Only “favored” Christians with the spiritual gift of “teaching” and “preaching” have the ability to read and understand the Bible. (page 5, top; see also 1John 2:27)
- 12) What is “impossible” for the sinless Christ (who sweat drops of blood on becoming a sin offering), when free to manifest His presence, NOT to create within a believer? (page 5, bottom)
- 13) What new thing is “realized” in a believer which can lead to his or her “assurances” of salvation?
(page 5, bottom; see also 2Corinthians 5:14-19)
- 14) According to 1John 3:14, what is an “absolute test” of your personal salvation?

- 15) The Christian's love "one for the other" is recognized as the insignia of "what" and the normal experience of "whom"? (page 6, bottom; see also John 13:34-35)

- 16) What is the "supreme" basis for the assurance of salvation?
(page 7, top; Galatians 5:22-23; John 14:27; John 15:11)

- 17) What brings a "consciousness" of salvation through faith in Christ?
(page 7, bottom; see also 2Timothy 1:12; Romans 8:16)

- 18) True or False. When a Christian is truly saved, he will be able to live "above" sin in the world and no longer have a "conscience" of any ability or desire to sin.
(page 8, middle; see also Romans 8:1; Hebrews 10:2; Ephesians 1:5-6; Colossians 2:13)

d. Accepting the Veracity of the Promises of the Bible

- 1) In reference to the Bible, what is "essential" to assurance of salvation? (page 8, bottom)

- 2) According to 1John 5:13, why did the Apostle John write to "his dear children"?

- 3) What is the "unchangeable" thing that a believer should "rest" his assurance of salvation on?
(page 9, top; see Psalm 119:89,160; Matthew 5:18, 24:35; 1Peter 1:23, 25)

- 4) According to John 3:36, what does "anyone" who believes in the Son of God have?

- 5) According to John 6:37, what does Jesus promise to those who come to Him by faith?

- 6) According to Romans 10:13, what does God's Word promise to those who "call on the name of the Lord"?

- 7) What is tremendously "destructive" to the Christian faith? (page 10, top)

- 8) True or False. Someone who claims to be "saved", but does not know the very day and hour, should doubt their salvation and make every effort to make a new profession of faith in Christ.
(page 10, top)

- 9) According to 2Timothy 1:12, what was Paul "convinced" of?

- 10) What is the obvious "cure" for ANY UNCERTAINTY as to one's salvation? (page 10, middle)

- 11) No true "assurance" of salvation can be "experienced" by a person unless there is a definite act of what?
(page 10, bottom)

- 12) What can be "fatal" to any true experience of assurance of salvation? (page 10, bottom)

- 13) Feelings and experiences that you are saved have their place, but the FINAL EVIDENCE of personal salvation is "what"? (page 10, bottom)