

# How Do I Know I Am Saved?

(1 John 5:11-13)

- Introduction:
1. Must we live in doubt and fear, or does God give us assurances of our salvation?
  2. And if there is a way to gain assurance, then how do we come to possess it?
  3. This lesson is designed to give you peace of mind in the assurance that you are a child of God, and if you don't have that assurance, to motivate you to do what you need to go to have assurance.

## I. Can We Be Sure About Our Salvation?

- A. Yes!
- B. (2 Peter 1:10) Make your calling and election sure...
- C. (2 Timothy 4:6-8) There is laid up for me a crown of righteousness...
- D. (2 Timothy 1:12) I know whom I have believed...
- E. (1 John 2:3-5) Hereby we know that we know him...
- F. (1 John 5:13) That you might know you have eternal life...

## II. How Do We Possess Assurance?

- A. Get In Christ!
  1. (1 John 5:11-12) Eternal life is in his Son.
  2. (Ephesians 2) Predestined in Him.
  3. (Romans 6:3; Galatians 3:27) Baptized into Jesus.
  4. Remember that there is a difference in being near or with Jesus; one must be "in Him."
- B. The Spirit Bears Witness with our Spirit
  1. (Romans 8:16).
  2. Note the prepositions - "with," not "to."
- B. Once in, we must stay in.
  1. (John 15:1-5) Abide in him.
  2. (2 Corinthians 13:5) Examine yourselves...
    - a. Our problem is that when we examine ourselves we often feel insecure because we grade ourselves by the wrong standard.
    - b. It's not "perfection" but "direction" that determines our status.
    - c. None of us will escape sin completely, but is sin the exception or the rule.
      - 1) Does sin have dominion over you (Romans 14:6)?
      - 2) When you sin, do you confess or defend yourself (1 John 1:7-9).
      - 3) (1 Kings 15:5).

- Conclusion:
1. Friends, we can be sure. The question is, are you sure of your salvation?

