

WHEN MY HEART SAYS “YES” I CAN BE AT REST

ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM: PART 2

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WHY DO I DOUBT MY SALAVATION?

1. I cannot remember the EXACT TIME I received Christ
2. I question “Did I pray the RIGHT PRAYER and have the right feelings?”
3. I have SINNED since I received Christ

HOW TO LIVE WITH ASSURANCE

1. Know God is COMPLETELY INVESTED

Father

“For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life.”

*“Those who believe in the Son are not judged; but those who do not believe have already been judged, because they have not believed in God’s only Son.”
(John 3:16,18, GNB)*

“Now that we have God’s approval because of faith, we have peace with God because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done.” (Romans 5:1, GW)

Son

“My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.” (1 John 2:1–2, NLT)

“This teaching is true: If we died with him, we will also live with him. If we accept suffering, we will also rule with him. If we say we don’t know him, he will say he doesn’t know us. If we are not faithful, he will still be faithful, because he must be true to who he is.” (2 Timothy 2:11–13, NCV)

Holy Spirit

“And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. The Spirit is God’s guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him.” (Ephesians 1:13–14, NLT)

2. Know I can lose FELLOWSHIP NOT RELATIONSHIP

“Give me back the joy that comes from being saved by you. Give me a spirit that obeys you. That will keep me going.” (Psalm 51:12, NIV)

“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father’s hand.” (John 10:27–29, NLT)

3. Know my life has been MADE NEW

New reliance on PRAYER

“Do all this in prayer, asking for God’s help. Pray on every occasion, as the Spirit leads. For this reason keep alert and never give up; pray always for all God’s people.” (Ephesians 6:18, GNB)

New ability to understand SCRIPTURE

“But when the Spirit of truth comes, he will lead you into all truth. He will not speak his own words, but he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is to come.” (John 16:13, NCV)

New sense of the seriousness of SIN

“After all, God’s saving kindness has appeared for the benefit of all people. It trains us to avoid ungodly lives filled with worldly desires so that we can live self-controlled, moral, and godly lives in this present world.” (Titus 2:11–12, GW)

New love for all PEOPLE

*“We know that we have left our old dead condition and entered into new life. We know it because we love one another. Those who do not are still living in their old condition.”
(1 John 3:14, NIV)*

4. Know that nothing can SEPARATE ME from God

*“And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
(Romans 8:38–39, NLT)*

ACTIONS

Commit my life to Christ