

I. Assurance of salvation is the inner witness of the _____ which allows believers to know that they are _____ before God.

A. That our faith is _____ and we are Gods children, who are _____ by Him.

II. Because God is a loving father, He has made it _____ for His children to _____ assurance.

A. He does not want us to be _____ in our standing or to _____ His love.

B. In Romans 8:31-39, Paul writes in the first person plural. Meaning that assurance is for all Christians.

C. Romans 8:31-39, provides five truths to help us build a lifetime of assurance:

1. No _____ (vv. 35, 38)

2. No _____ (vs. 33)

3. No _____ (vs 34)

4. No _____ (vv. 31b)

5. In Christ you are _____ (vs. 37)

III. Scripture distinguishes _____ assurance from a _____ assurance.

A. _____ gave a warning concerning false assurance (Matt. 7:21-23)

B. Do we possess the _____ of Christ? (cf. Rom 8:9)

1. Evidence is found in spiritual _____, while rejecting the works of the _____ (Gal. 5:16-24)

IV. A genuine Christian can _____ assurance.

A. A promise that has not fully taken hold, yet.

B. Salvation speaks to what is _____ (justification), while assurance is a _____ (sanctification) of what you know to be true.

V. _____ of assurance:

A. A _____ trust in Christ for Salvation

1. In John 3:16, Jesus uses present tense verb, which may be translated, "... *whoever continues believing in him shall not perish, but have eternal life*".
2. Satisfaction with Gods way of salvation (Rom. 5:1-2; Eph. 2:8)

B. Evidence of the _____ work of the Holy Spirit.

1. The Spirits _____ that we are Gods children (cf. Rom. 8:15-16; 1 Jn 4:13)
 - a) The Spirit leads us in greater _____ to Gods will and commands (cf. Rom. 8:14; 1 Jn 2:4-6)
 - b) Producing Spiritual Fruit (Gal. 5:22-23)
2. Continuing to abide in Christ and in His word (John 15:4,7)

C. Continuing on in _____ (Jn 14:15)

1. Great Commandments (Matt. 22:37-39)

D. Salvation is for those who _____ to the _____

1. Matthew 10:22
2. John 8:31-32
3. Hebrews 3:14

Looking Ahead:

1. **What from this weeks message, stood out to you?**

2. **Read Romans 8:31-39 and 2 Corinthians 11:24-29.**

- How was Paul able to say the things he did in Romans, in light of the trials he had experienced while serving Jesus (cf 2 Cor. 11:24-29)?

- What does Romans 5:5 contribute to the conversation?

3. **Can you remember a time when you wrestled with assurance?**

- Describe situation and your share your thoughts.
- What was/is the pathway to overcoming questions of assurance?

4. **Read Romans 8:31-39. Reflect on the five truths mentioned above:**

- What stands out to you or speaks to your experiences?

5. **Read: Matthew 10:22; John 8:31-32; Hebrews 3:14**

- What do you think most Christians believe concerning salvation and assurance?
- How might the above scriptures change how we view and/or live out the faith?

This weeks scripture reading:			
Oct. 26 - Monday	Proverbs 19	Psalm 45-46	
Oct. 27 - Tuesday	Proverbs 20	Psalm 47-49	
Oct. 28 - Wednesday	Proverbs 21	Psalm 50	
Oct. 29 - Thursday	Proverbs 22	Psalm 51-52	
Oct. 30 - Friday	Proverbs 23	Psalm 53-55	
Oct. 31 - Saturday	Proverbs 24	Psalm 56-57	
Nov. 1 - Sunday	10:15a Worship Gathering		

When you journal remember SOAP:

- S**cripture - One verse that spoke to me. (write it out & its reference)
Observation - General observations concerning my verse.
Application - What God might be saying to me, through this verse?
Pray - My prayer, concerning the application of this verse (summarize it)

Please share with Pastor Jacob what God has been saying to you, teaching you, or a testimony that you may have during this season.

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ANSWER KEY:

- I. Holy Spirit ... justified
 - A. genuine ... loved
- II. possible ... enjoy
 - A. insecure ... doubt
 - B. Romans 8:31-39
 - 1. separation
 - 2. accusation
 - 3. condemnation
 - 4. opposition
 - 5. victorious
- III. true ... false
 - A. Jesus
 - B. Spirit
 - 1. fruit ... flesh
- IV. lack
 - B. true ... conviction
- V. Marks
 - A. present
 - B. regenerating
 - 1. witness
 - a. obedience
 - C. Love
 - D. persevere ... end