

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 God's 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:

Scripture - 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?

Prayer - 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