

We can Know!

(A few thoughts on doubting your salvation)

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Part 3

I John 5:13 I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

A quick review.....

- I. A few thoughts on doubting your salvation
 - A. We do not have to doubt our salvation
 - B. Doubting our salvation can be an effective tool for evaluating our spiritual condition
 - C. Scripture has much to say about doubt but however we must approach the subject with grace
 - D. Maybe we need to reframe our concern into a better question?

- II. Why do we doubt our salvation?
 - A. We may have undealt with sin
 - B. We may be experiencing Satan's attack
 - C. We may be having memory issues
 - D. We may be basing our salvation on feelings and not faith.
 - E. We may not understand the constant struggle with our new nature and our old.
 - F. We may be comparing ourselves to a "super Christian"

III. What does it mean to be saved?

A. A general definition of “saved”

"saved" means receiving deliverance from the guilt, penalty, and power of sin through faith in Jesus Christ.”

B. A general observation of the process

---“The Order of Salvation” by Dr. Wayne Grudem

1. Election (God’s choice of people to be saved)
2. The gospel call (proclaiming the message of the gospel)
3. Regeneration (being born again)
4. Conversion (faith and repentance)

5. Justification (right legal standing)

6. Adoption (membership in God’s family)

7. Sanctification (right conduct of life)

8. Perseverance (remaining a Christian)
9. Death (going to be with the Lord)

10. Glorification (receiving a resurrection body)_____

C. An explanation of the major aspects of our salvation

--Justification (right legal standing)

And those he predestined, he also called; and those he called, he also justified; and those he justified, he also glorified. Rom. 8:30

“Justification is an instantaneous legal act of God in which he (1) thinks of our sins as forgiven and Christ’s righteousness as belonging to us, and (2) declares us to be righteous in his sight.”

JUST....IF.....I’d.....NEVER DONE IT!

-- Adoption (membership in God's family)

John 1:12 But to all who did receive him, he gave them the right to be^[a] children of God, to those who believe in his name,

“Adoption is an act of God whereby he makes us members of his family.”

--Sanctification (right conduct of life)

But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God” (1 Cor. 6:11)

“Sanctification is a progressive work of God and man that makes us more and more free from sin and like Christ in our actual lives.”

--Glorification (receiving a resurrection body)

1 Cor. 15:51–52 Listen, I am telling you a mystery: We will not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we will be changed.

“Glorification is the final step in the application of redemption. It will happen when Christ returns and raises from the dead the bodies of all believers for all time who have died, and reunites them with their souls, and changes the bodies of all believers who remain alive, thereby giving all believers at the same time perfect resurrection bodies like his own.”

IV. What are some of the indicators that I am saved? (Assurance Boosters)

A. I prefer NOT to sin. (If I do, it really bothers me)

I John 3:9 ⁹Everyone who has been born of God does not sin,^[a] because his seed remains in him; he is not able to sin,^[b] because he has been born of God.

B. I prefer to obey God.

I John 5:3 For this is what love for God is: to keep his commands. And his commands are not a burden,

C. I prefer to have fellowship with other believers rather than unbelievers

1 John 3:14 We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers and sisters. The one who does not love remains in death.

D. I see the “fruits” of the Holy Spirit in my life

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. The law is not against such things

V. Can I be saved and then unsaved?

According to everything in scripture there is no indication this can happen!

A. We are saved by grace. We are kept by grace.

Ephesians 2:8-10 For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God’s gift— ⁹not from works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.

Phil 1:6 I am sure of this, that he who started a good work in you^[a] will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

B. We are held by Christ.

John 10: ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all. No one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one.”

C. We are sealed by the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 1:13 In him you also were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and when you believed.

2 Corinthians 1:22 He has also put his seal on us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a down payment.

D. We are chosen. It is not in our power to “un-choose” us

John 15:16 You did not choose me, but I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce fruit and that your fruit should remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you.

Ephesians 1:4 For he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless in love before him.

E. We were born. How do we “un-birth” ourselves?

John 3: 5 Jesus answered, “Truly I tell you, unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

VI. A final thought on being securely saved. (The ultimate question for doubters)

John 5:12 The one who has the Son has life. The one who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

John 3:16 For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

Rom 10:13 For **everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.**

Close:

‘I feel no sting. I feel no fear.’ John MacArthur