

We can Know!

(A few thoughts on doubting your salvation)

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Part 2

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
 1. Child conversions
 2. Physiological issues that relate to memory

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D. We may be basing our salvation on feelings and not faith.

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

Heb 11: 6 Now without faith it is impossible to please God, since the one who draws near to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

II Tim 1:12 and that is why I suffer these things. But I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to guard what has been entrusted to me^[a] until that day.

E. We may not understand the constant struggle with our new nature and our old.

1. How can I be saved if am always tempted?
2. How can I be saved if I struggle with sin still?

Romans 7: ¹⁸For I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do what is good is with me, but there is no ability to do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good that I want to do, but I practice the evil that I do not want to do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, I am no longer the one that does it, but it is the sin that lives in me.

F. We may be comparing ourselves to a “super Christian”

Galatians 6:4-5 ⁴Let each person examine his own work, and then he can take pride in himself alone, and not compare himself with someone else. ⁵For each person will have to carry his own load.

III. 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 3:9⁹ Everyone 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

I 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,²³ gentleness, and self-control. The law is not against such things

IV. 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—⁹ not from works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For 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 10:²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My 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.

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

I 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:^[a] He gave^[a] his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

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Close:

'I feel no sting. I feel no fear.'" John MacArthur

