

## How Assurance of Eternal Life affects our Everyday Life

Central Idea: We need to understand how much the assurance of our eternal life greatly affects us and those to whom we relate.

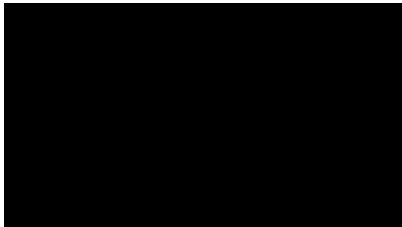
- I. God wants us to be assured of our eternal life.
  - A. The single Biblical condition for justification is faith in Jesus Christ.
  - B. The source of our assurance of eternal life is the promises of God's Word.
  - C. Understanding God's promises will give us the person confidence we need to live the Christian life.
- II. This assurance affects our family relationships.
  - A. Marriage
  - B. Parenting children
- III. This assurance affects how we minister as a church.
  - A. Our presentation of the good news of Jesus Christ will be different.
  - B. Church leadership will function with loving encouragement instead of with authoritative condemnation.
  - C. We motivate people to live the Christian life differently.
  - D. We teach the New Testament letters written to churches in their proper context.
- IV. This assurance affects our ministry to others.
  - A. We will be less judgmental of others without continually trying to assess their eternal destination based upon their current life struggles.
  - B. We will counsel and encourage people differently.
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### Questions for Small Group Discussion -related to Sermon entitled "How Assurance of Eternal Life affects our Everyday Life"

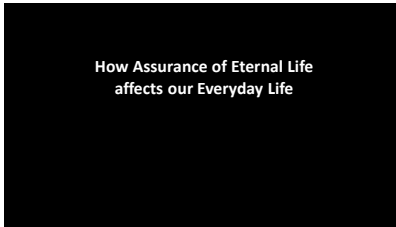
1. Tell us the story of how you gained the assurance of your eternal life.
2. The two other (other than Free Grace teaching assurance based upon the promises of God's Word) views are:
  - a. Some teach that a Christian believer can lose his/her justification if they lack a certain amount of obedience.
  - b. Others teach that a person who lacks a certain amount of obedience proves that he never truly was justified no matter how convinced he may have been.

The question is: "Why do these views appeal to people? Why do they believe either of these views?"

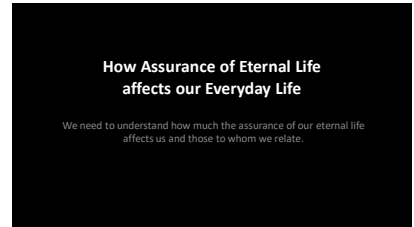
3. How does God's Word motivate us as believers to live the Christian life?
4. How can we lovingly and effectively help other people who lack the assurance of their eternal life?



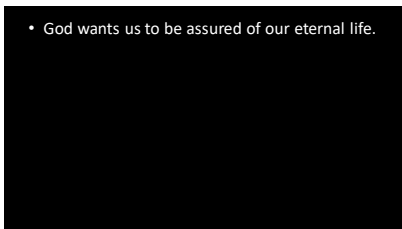
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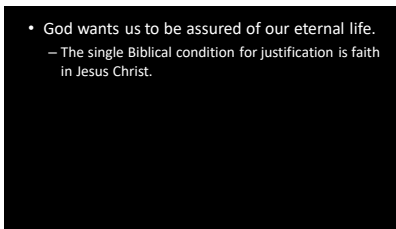
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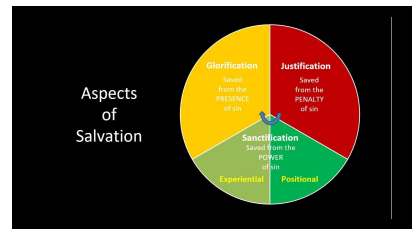
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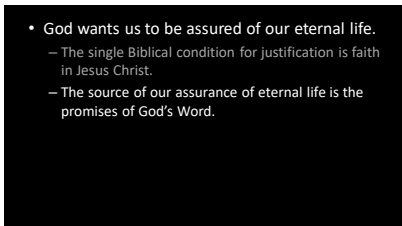
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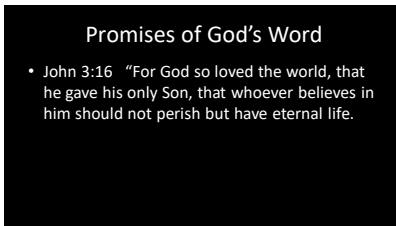
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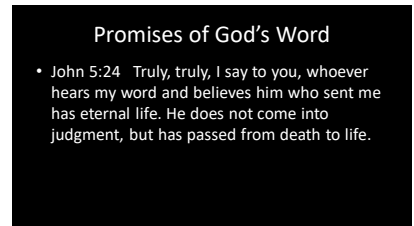
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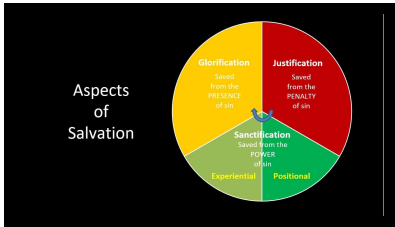


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**Promises of God's Word**

- 1 John 5:11-13 And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

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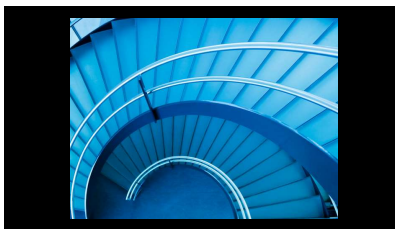
- God wants us to be assured of our eternal life.
  - The single Biblical condition for justification is faith in Jesus Christ.
  - The source of our assurance of eternal life is very important.
  - Understanding God's promises will give us the personal confidence we need to live the Christian life.

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**Confidence**

- 2 Timothy 1:12 which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me.

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**Child-like Faith**

- Luke 18:16-17 But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

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**Follow Paul's Example**

- Galatians 3:1-3 O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

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Live according to your identity in Christ

• James 1:22–25 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

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**Eternal Rewards**

- 2 Corinthians 5:9–10 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

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Motivated by Seeing Jesus

- 2 Timothy 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

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- Romans 14:10–13 Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." So then each of us will give an account of himself to God. Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother.

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Encouraging Others

- 1 Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:14 And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.

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