

Message: Basic Christianity – How Do You Know for Sure?

Scripture: 1 John 5:9-13

FOUR CATEGORIES OF PEOPLE:

1. Those who are truly Christians
2. Those who think they are Christians, but really are not
3. True Christians, who lack assurance
4. People who aren't Christians and they know it

THREE QUESTIONS:

CAN WE KNOW FOR SURE WE ARE SAVED?

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. 1 John 5:13

The spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God. Romans 8:16

I know who I have believed and am persuaded that he is able, to keep that which I've committed unto him against that day. 2 Timothy 1:12

I give eternal life to them and they shall never perish and no one will snatch them from the Father's hand. John 10:29

HOW IMPORTANT IS IT TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE SAVED?

You will have little spiritual victory until this is settled

Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar... 1 John 5:10

You will have little peace until this is settled

FALSE ASSURANCES:

1. I lead a decent moral life
2. I believe in God
3. I attend church
4. I was baptized
5. I walked an aisle

You believe in one God, good even the demons believe in God and shudder. James 2:19

WHY DO GENUINE BELIEVERS SOMETIMES DOUBT THEIR SALVATION?

We forget that works have not part in salvation

For by grace are you saved through faith and this not of yourselves, it is a gift of God, lest any man should boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

He saved us not because of the righteous things we have done, but because of his mercy. Titus 3:5

We have unbiblical thinking

All our righteousness done in the flesh is as filthy rags, as an unclean thing in his sight.

Isaiah 64:6

BIBLICAL EVIDENCES THAT I AM SAVED:

1. You came to a moment of truth

He who has the Son has life, he who does not have the Son of God, does not have life.

1 John 5:12

2. You have the witness of the Holy Spirit

3. Your life produces fruit

Old things have passed away and behold all things are made new. 2 Corinthians 5:17

4. Your view of sin changes

5. Your values change

I do not consider my life as dear unto myself, it is yours Lord take it, use it. Acts 20:24