

December 7th – Assurance of Salvation

*“These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.” (1 John 5:13)*

When I was a young seminary student, I had the privilege of preaching on Sundays, but during the week I had to go to class and earn a living for my family. The Lord opened a door for me to work at a Winn-Dixie grocery store very close to my seminary’s campus. Working in the “secular world” was a good thing for me – I got to witness to atheists, cult members, nominal Christians, and many others. We had many long conversations about a wide variety of issues.

I distinctly remember witnessing to one sweet lady who was a life-long Catholic. I had a great deal of respect for her because she was hard-working, and as a mother she was always concerned about her family. Once I asked her, “Do you know for certain that you’ll go to heaven when you die?” She said, “No, and I don’t think anyone can know that.” As soon as I heard her response, the words of this verse crossed my mind and I got to share with her that she could be sure.

Dear friend, you CAN know for CERTAIN that you are a child of God and that heaven will be your eternal home when you die. That kind of knowledge is called “assurance of salvation.” If you have placed your faith in Jesus – if you truly believe that He is the Son of God – then you will absolutely spend your eternity worshiping the Father in heaven. But consider this – the evidence of salvation is surrender. Believing in God means you’ve surrendered your life to Jesus. Are you surrendered to Him?