

The Assurance Of Eternal Life

Philippians 3:8-14

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Christians Are Confident Of Their Salvation

- ▶ John 16:20-22 – “sorrow shall be turned into joy”
- ▶ Philippians 4:4 – “Rejoice in the Lord always”
- ▶ I Corinthians 15:19-20 – “only hoped in Christ in this life ...”
 - ▶ I Peter 1:3 – “by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead”
- ▶ Philippians 3:13-14 – “I press on toward the goal”

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- ▶ Philippians 3:20-21 – “our citizenship is in heaven”
- ▶ I Thessalonians 4:13-17 – “so shall we ever be with the Lord”
- ▶ II Timothy 4:7-8 – “there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness”

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The Early Saints Did Not Live Under A Cloud Of Gloom

- ▶ John 10:27-29 – “I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish”
- ▶ The letter of I John was written to assure Christians of their salvation
 - ▶ I John 5:13 – “know that ye have eternal life”
 - ▶ I John 1:4 – “that our joy may be made full”
- ▶ Christian – is your joy full?

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We Are Assured Of Eternal Life If We Keep His Commandments

- ▶ I John 2:3-6 – “we know that we know him, if we keep his commandments”
 - ▶ If you want to be assured of your salvation, you must keep the commands of Christ
 - ▶ It takes more than saying “Lord, Lord” to be saved by Jesus – Luke 6:46 – “do not the things which I say”
- ▶ I John 2:5 connects the love of God with the obedience of man
 - ▶ God’s love will not save a person during and in spite of his disobedience
- ▶ John 10:27-28 – “hear my voice ... I know them ... they follow me.”

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We Are Assured Of Eternal Life If We Walk As He Walked

- ▶ I John 2:5-6 – “he that saith he abideth in him ought himself also to walk even as he walked”
 - ▶ We are to live as He lived
 - ▶ I John 1:6-7 – “walk in the light, as he is in the light”
 - ▶ I John 1:5 – “God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.”
- ▶ We are assured of forgiveness if we confess our sins
 - ▶ I John 1:8-2:1 – “forgive us our sins”
- ▶ Hebrews 12:1-2 – “lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us”
- ▶ I Peter 2:21 – “Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that ye should follow his steps”

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We Are Assured Of Eternal Life If We Do What Is Righteous

- ▶ I John 2:28-29 – “If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that everyone also that doeth [practices – ESV] righteousness is begotten of him.”
- ▶ Psalms 19:7-9 – “The precepts of Jehovah are right”
- ▶ Psalms 119:172 – “all thy commandments are righteousness.”
- ▶ Acts 10:34-35 – “he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is acceptable to him.”
- ▶ Galatians 3:26-27 – “sons of God, through faith, in Christ Jesus”
- ▶ cf. Titus 3:3-7 – “heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”
- ▶ cf. Romans 9:15-16 – “but of God that hath mercy”

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We Are Assured Of Eternal Life If We Love The Brethren

- ▶ I John 3:14-15 – “we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren”
- ▶ I John 4:7-8 – “Beloved, let us love one another ...”
- ▶ I John 5:2-3 – “For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments”
- ▶ Jesus obeyed the Father’s will
 - ▶ I John 3:15-16 – “he laid down his life for us”
 - ▶ Luke 22:42 – “not my will, but thine, be done”
- ▶ I John 3:16-18 – “we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren ... [love] in deed and truth”
- ▶ I John 3:19 – “Hereby shall we know that we are of the truth”

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The Christian’s Assurance Of Eternal Life Comes From Christ

- ▶ It is realized in our lives as we live by faith, obeying His will
 - ▶ I John 5:11-12 – “And the witness is this, that God gave unto us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath the life; he that hath not the Son of God hath not the life.”

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Obeying His Will

- Hear the Word of God
 - James 1:21 – “Wherefore putting away all filthiness and overflowing of wickedness, receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.”
- Believe that Jesus is the Savior
 - Hebrews 11:6 – “And without faith it is impossible to be well-pleasing (unto him), for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and (that) he is a rewarder of them that seek after him.”

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Obeying His Will

- Repent of your sins
 - Acts 3:19 – “Repent ye therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out”
- Confess that Jesus is the Son of God
 - Matthew 10:32 – “Every one therefore who shall confess me before men, him will I also confess before my Father who is in heaven.”

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Obeying His Will

- Be immersed in water
 - Acts 2:38 – “And Peter (said) unto them, Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”
- Remain faithful
 - Hebrews 3:14 – “... if we hold fast the beginning of our confidence firm unto the end”

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