



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC Assurance of Salvation

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

Do You Really Know You Have Eternal Life?

In the first of the series of *Five Assurances for Every Believer*, David Foo shares his sermon on the Assurance of Salvation which anchors on the question: “Do you really know you have eternal life?”

Assurance of Salvation

What does it mean?

Assurance of salvation means having the certainty that we have eternal life, and this certainty is full, constant and true. God wants us to be certain of our salvation, but this certainty does not come automatically. Our certainty of eternal life has to be actively confirmed by us, as it is written in 2 Peter 1:10 “Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election.”

This assurance must also be full and constant. From Scripture (2 Tim 4:7-8) we must be certain of our salvation at all times.

Lastly, this certainty of our salvation must be true. Having eternal life is different from having the certainty of having eternal life. This reminds us to continue growing our certainty of salvation to be full, constant and also true.

How to get it?

It is written in John 3:16 that “For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life”, this verse reminds us that we get our assurance of salvation by looking at ourselves and God.

Looking at ourselves means that we must ensure that we truly believe – by examining our beliefs and our actions which reflect our beliefs. The only way to be saved is by believing in Jesus Christ. Examining our actions is important as they reflect our beliefs (Matthew 7:17 & 20, 1 John 2:4, 1 John 3:14). Looking at God means that we must trust in God’s Word and work – this grows as we know God and understand what He has done for us. In Romans 8:16, it is written that “the Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s Children”, hence, as we know God more, we will trust His Word more. As a child of God, you don’t have to ask permission to be where He is, just trust him. We remember that God saved us and God will keep us saved.

What is it for?

The assurance of salvation is the foundation for faithfulness and fruitfulness. In 2 Peter 1:10-11, we are called to confirm our calling and election, so that we will never stumble and be received into the

eternal kingdom. The assurance of salvation is not for our comfort, however it enables us to end well, not stumble and be fruitful.

The assurance of salvation is to be used all the time. In seasons that are good and comfortable, we must remind ourselves to continue in it and lay up treasures in heaven. And in seasons which are painful and harsh, we remind ourselves of our hope in God.

Conclusion

So do you really know you that have eternal life? Continue to grow: from being a mere Scripture reference, into a relationship with God, and finally, to a reality that we live out.

You can have that assurance of your salvation in God.

QUESTIONS

1. David Foo explained that the assurance of salvation means we have (i) true, (ii) full and (iii) constant certainty that we have eternal life. How much assurance do you have of your salvation (on a scale of 0 to 10)?

2. The synonym for "assurance" is "audit". To help explain why some of us may not have 100% assurance of our salvation, take some time to conduct an audit of our life:

- How well do we believe in what the Bible says about salvation?
- How well do our actions reflect our beliefs?
- How well do we know God?

3. How can we move from our assurance of salvation being a mere Scripture reference, to a relationship with God, to a reality that we live out?