

Discipleship on Assurance of Salvation

One of the greatest hinderances to spiritual growth in the life of a Believer comes from a lack of assurance of his salvation. Satan, also known as the “accuser of the brethren” (Rev. 12:10), has many strategies to bring doubt into our minds concerning the reality of our salvation. Therefore, it is vital for a discipler to know how to equip his students to handle these doubts when they come.



I. The Need to Understand Two Key Terms

There are two key terms to understand when helping true Believers know how to have assurance of their salvation. One has to do with facts and promises that the Bible reveals about salvation, and the other has to do with the disciple’s feelings.

A. Security of Salvation

Security of salvation is something that is based on the biblical facts, that once the gift of salvation has been truly received, it is possessed forever and cannot be lost. It is based on the promises of God, who cannot lie (Titus 1:2).

B. Assurance of Salvation

Assurance of salvation is based on my feelings or my level of confidence that God has done what He said He would do when I repented of my sins and put my faith in Jesus’ death and resurrection on my behalf. These feelings may change, according to my situation in life. When doubts come, I need to remind myself of God’s promises and base my feelings of assurance on God and His Word (2 Tim. 1:12).

II. Key Verses on the Security of Salvation (Condition/Promise Verses)

A. Condition/Promise Verses on Salvation

Focus on showing your student the various promises God made concerning salvation, forgiveness, and eternal life when a person believes on the Lord Jesus Christ. Also remind him that God cannot lie (Titus 1:2).

Underline God’s promises in the following condition/promise verses:

✂ *John 1:12*

"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name."



✞John 3:15

" . . . Whoever believes may in Him have eternal life."

✞John 3:16

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."

✞John 3:18

"He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

✞John 3:36

"He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

✞Acts 10:43

"Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins."

✞Acts 16:31

" . . . Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved . . ."

✞Romans 10:13

"For whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved."

B. God's Promises Concerning Salvation

Have your students memorize some of the following verses to fight off the lies which Satan uses to cause doubt.

John 6:37-39



"All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day."

◆Insights →

John 17:11

"And I am no more in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy name, the name which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as We are."

◆Insights →

Romans 8:38-39

"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

◆Insights →

Ephesians 1:13

"In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise."

◆Insights →

Ephesians 2:8

"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God"

◆Insights →

Philippians 1:6

"For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus."

◆Insights →

Hebrews 13:5

". . . He Himself has said, 'I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you.'"

◆Insights →

1 Peter 1:5

"Who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

◆Insights →

John 10:27-29

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand."

◆Insights →

B. Verses that Describe Evidences of Genuine Salvation

Galatians 5:22-23



"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."

◆Evidences of salvation →

Matthew 7:17-20



"Even so, every good tree bears good fruit; but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. So then, you will know them by their fruits."

◆Evidences of salvation →

Mark 16:15



"And He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.'"

◆Evidences of salvation →

Ephesians 2:10

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

◆Evidences of salvation →

Titus 2:11-12

"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age."

◆Evidences of salvation →

1 Peter 2:2

"Like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the word, that by it you may grow in respect to salvation."

◆Evidences of salvation →

1 John 2:3

"And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments."

◆Evidences of salvation →

1 John 2:29



"If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone also who practices righteousness is born of Him."

◆Evidences of salvation →

1 John 3:9



"No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God."

◆Evidences of salvation →

1 John 3:14



"We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death."

◆Evidences of salvation →

III. What Causes Some to Doubt their Salvation

A. Unconfessed Sin

1 John 1:6-7



"If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin"

◆Notes →

B. Satan's Accusations

Revelation 12:10



"And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, 'Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them before our God day and night.'"

◆Notes →

C. Can't Remember the Date, Place, or Prayer

D. Did He Pray/Believe the Right Thing?

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IV. How to Deal with Doubts

A. Read, memorize, and quote God's promises about Salvation

2 Timothy 1:12 →

B. Avoid Sources of Temptation that You are Susceptible To

1 Thessalonians 5:22 →

2 Timothy 2:19b →

C. Confess Sin Regularly

1 John 1:6,9 →



D. If Doubts Persist, Pray Again to Express Your Repentance and Belief in Christ for Eternal Life (put the date next to a condition/promise verse)

V. Ways to Teach on Assurance of Salvation

A. Through Teaching Key Memory Verses

1. Condition/promise verses
2. Verses that contain promises about salvation
3. Verses on the fruit in a Believer's life
4. Verses on Confession
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B. Through Special Lessons

1. Theological lessons on God being the One who saves and keeps you
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- 3.

C. Through Music 🎵

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- 3.

D. Through Making and Using a Counseling Tool about a Assurance of Salvation

1. This tool can be made small enough to use with Believers one-on-one.
2. This tool can be made large enough to use before the entire class. You can select which truths to share from week to week.