

Assurance of Eternal Life

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A Short Version of a Much Longer Study
Showing How to Know You are Saved
and Comfort for Terrifying Verses



WARNING!

Your life now is a blip of
nothing next to eternity;
the torment of hell will far
exceed any problems now.





WARNING!

God once drowned all but eight in the flood, but the wrath coming is far greater with eternal fiery torment.

Comfort!

But God planned to save some from the very beginning, and He sacrificed His only Son to guarantee their safety and pleasure forever.

Comfort!

The joy and glory of heaven and be received by God and His Son to enjoy new pleasures will make your best times now very foolish.

Why this Bible study tonight?

Very simple ... God in His providence has brought us to I John 3:18-21, which is to assure our hearts before God, to have confidence before Him.

And hereby we know that we are of the truth,
and shall assure our hearts before him....

Beloved, if our heart condemn us not,
then have we confidence toward God.

I John 3:18-21

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**This is another of God's gifts to us.
It is an exhaustive reference for assurance.**

Is this an important Bible study?

Yes, indeed! Probably the most important,
for it helps you know if you are saved
and going to heaven at death.

“Assure” is in the Bible that one time.

“Assurance” is in the Bible 7 times.

Let us look at them for usage.

And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee;
and thou shalt fear day and night,
and shalt have none assurance of thy life:

Deuteronomy 28:66

And the work of righteousness shall be peace;
and the effect of righteousness quietness
and assurance for ever.

Isaiah 32:17

Because he hath appointed a day,
in the which he will judge the world
in righteousness by that man
whom he hath ordained;
whereof he hath given assurance unto all men
in that he hath raised him from the dead.

Acts 17:31

That their hearts might be comforted,
being knit together in love, and unto all riches
of the full assurance of understanding,
to the acknowledgement of the mystery
of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

Colossians 2:2

For our gospel came not unto you in word only,
but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost,
and in much assurance;
as ye know what manner of men
we were among you for your sake.

I Thessalonians 1:5

And we desire that every one of you
do shew the same diligence to
the full assurance of hope
unto the end:

Hebrews 6:11

Let us draw near with a true heart
in full assurance of faith,
having our hearts sprinkled
from an evil conscience,
and our bodies washed with pure water.

Hebrews 10:22

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WARNING!

We do not look to a date
of a Jesus decision, or of
baptism, or membership,
for these are not salvation.



WARNING!

The foolish Arminian plan
is not true, so we cannot
look back to a decision,
or repeat it to be safe.



WARNING!

There is no more Bible
evidence for decisional
eternal life than there is
for RCC extreme unction.

Comfort!

God was not surprised in Eden and Jesus' death was not remedial, for He had your name in the book of life.

Comfort!

God wants you to know you are one of His children ... threats or warnings are to help you be a better child for Him and for you.

Comfort!

If you were born and raised in a godly family hearing the truth from birth, you may not have an event like so many talk about.

God wants you to know you have
eternal life, because He loved
and saved you for joy and
peace, not for fear!

These things have I written unto you
that believe on the name of the Son of God;
that ye may know that ye have eternal life,
and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

I John 5:13

Salvation is Great!

The difference of heaven and hell is enormous. We recently reviewed the rich man and Lazarus. Eternity will cause a shocking reversal of fortune. God's works for some and not for others is huge. The book of life vs. the lake of fire is astonishing. The pleasures of heaven vs. pain of hell is great. Eternal love of God or eternal hatred of God.

Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand,
Come, ye blessed of my Father,
inherit the kingdom prepared for you
from the foundation of the world:...

Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand,
Depart from me, ye cursed,
into everlasting fire,
prepared for the devil and his angels....

Matthew 25:31-46

And it came to pass, that the beggar died,
and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom:
the rich man also died, and was buried;
And in hell he lift up his eyes,
being in torments,
and seeth Abraham afar off,
and Lazarus in his bosom.

Luke 16:22-23

And whosoever was not found
written in the book of life
was cast into the lake of fire.

Revelation 20:15



WARNING!

The difference of eternal hell or heaven is beyond all comparison, by infinite pain or pleasure forever.

The Means Are Infinitely Great!

God's eternal will was either for or against you.
He either elected and predestinated you or not.
He sent His beloved firstborn Son for you or not.
Jesus God's Son either died to rescue you or not.
The Holy Spirit powerfully recreated you or not.
The Holy Spirit gave you new life inside or not.
Your spirit will go straight up at death or not.
Your body will be glorified forever or not.

O the depth of the riches
both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
how unsearchable are his judgments,
and his ways past finding out!

Romans 11:33

He that spared not his own Son,
but delivered him up for us all,
how shall he not with him
also freely give us all things?

Romans 8:32

Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

II Corinthians 9:15



WARNING!

God's choices, costs, and power for eternal life are infinitely high, and you a rebel will never comply.

Salvation is Certain!

He chose each one and will not lose one.
He chose each elect and the means to save.
It is not by good works but not without them.
God will not be God if He loses a single one.
Jesus lives to intercede to guarantee each.
Jesus is incomplete without each elect.
Not a single reprobate will be saved.

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate
to be conformed to the image of his Son,
that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.
Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called:
and whom he called, them he also justified:
and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

What shall we then say to these things?
If God be for us, who can be against us?

Romans 8:29-31

Who concerning the truth have erred,
saying that the resurrection is past already;
and overthrow the faith of some.

Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure,
having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his....

II Timothy 2:18-19



WARNING!

The number of the elect and reprobates has been settled forever, and there is never a change of one.

Evidence Is Defined!

Since your destination is set, what can you do?
Since no offer has been made, what can you do?
Since you cannot please God, what can you do?
God has saved His elect, but they can know it.
They can know they are elect by evidence.
The evidence of election is clearly given.
You have clear evidence or you do not.

LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle?
who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness,
and speaketh the truth in his heart.

He that backbiteth not with his tongue,
nor doeth evil to his neighbour,
nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.

In whose eyes a vile person is contemned;
but he honoureth them that fear the LORD.

He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.

He that putteth not out his money to usury,
nor taketh reward against the innocent.

He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

Psalm 15:1-5

Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD?
or who shall stand in his holy place?

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart;
who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity,
nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive the blessing from the LORD,
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek him,
that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.

Psalm 24:3-6

That ye may be the children
of your Father which is in heaven:

for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good,
and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye?
do not even the publicans the same?

And if ye salute your brethren only,
what do ye more than others?

do not even the publicans so?

Be ye therefore perfect,
even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Matthew 5:45-48

And every one that heareth these sayings of mine,
and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man,
which built his house upon the sand:

And the rain descended, and the floods came,
and the winds blew, and beat upon that house;
and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

Matthew 7:26-27

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved;
but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Mark 16:16

Abraham saith unto him,
They have Moses and the prophets;
let them hear them.

And he said, Nay, father Abraham:
but if one went unto them from the dead,
they will repent.

And he said unto him,
If they hear not Moses and the prophets,
neither will they be persuaded,
though one rose from the dead.

Luke 16:29-31

No man can come to me,
except the Father which hath sent me draw him:
and I will raise him up at the last day.

It is written in the prophets,
And they shall be all taught of God.
Every man therefore that hath heard,
and hath learned of the Father,
cometh unto me.

John 6:44-45

From that time many of his disciples went back,
and walked no more with him.

Then said Jesus unto the twelve,
Will ye also go away?

Then Simon Peter answered him,
Lord, to whom shall we go?
thou hast the words of eternal life.

And we believe and are sure
that thou art that Christ,
the Son of the living God.

John 6:66-69

And brought them out, and said,
Sirs, what must I do to be saved?
And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ,
and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Acts 16:30-31

There is therefore now
no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus,
who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Romans 8:1

(For many walk,
of whom I have told you often,
and now tell you even weeping,
that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:
Whose end is destruction,
whose God is their belly,
and whose glory is in their shame,
who mind earthly things.)

Philippians 3:18-19

Charge them that are rich in this world,
that they be not highminded,
nor trust in uncertain riches,
but in the living God,
who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;
That they do good, that they be rich in good works,
ready to distribute, willing to communicate;
Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation
against the time to come,
that they may lay hold on eternal life.

I Timothy 6:17-19

Henceforth there is laid up for me
a crown of righteousness,
which the Lord, the righteous judge,
shall give me at that day: and not to me only,
but unto all them also that love his appearing.

II Timothy 4:8

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation:
for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life,
which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

James 1:12

My little children, let us not love in word,
neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.
And hereby we know that we are of the truth,
and shall assure our hearts before him.

I John 3:18-19

Comfort!

Periodic sin, not matter how heinous, does not negate strong positive evidence, as David and Peter show as favorites.

Comfort!

Chastening, afflictions and trials to get you back to obedience, is not evidence of reprobation but rather salvation.



WARNING!

Good deeds of the wicked
are not evidence of life, for
only those things done by
faith to God are accepted.

Confidence Is Obtainable!

Evidence is one thing; confidence is another.
Confidence in evidence is key and precious.
Embrace all said above and prove yourself.
Multiply your good works for confidence.
Train your conscience to trust the Bible.
You can have boldness at Judgment.
Good works are also the best life.

Therefore we are always confident,
knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body,
we are absent from the Lord:

(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

We are confident, I say, and willing rather
to be absent from the body,
and to be present with the Lord.

Wherefore we labour, that,
whether present or absent,
we may be accepted of him.

II Corinthians 5:6-9

For the which cause I also suffer these things:
nevertheless I am not ashamed:
for I know whom I have believed,
and am persuaded that he is able
to keep that which I have committed
unto him against that day.

II Timothy 1:12

For I am now ready to be offered,
and the time of my departure is at hand.

I have fought a good fight,

I have finished my course,

I have kept the faith:

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness,
which the Lord, the righteous judge,
shall give me at that day: and not to me only,
but unto all them also that love his appearing.

II Timothy 4:6-8

And we have known and believed
the love that God hath to us.

God is love;

and he that dwelleth in love
dwelleth in God, and God in him.

Herein is our love made perfect,

that we may have boldness

in the day of judgment:

because as he is,

so are we in this world.

I John 4:16-17

Comfort!

Boldness in the Day of Judgment!
It is possible and clearly explained.
God has brought us to I John for it.

Evidence Summarized!

Faith in the gospel of Christ.

Repentance from your sins.

Obedience with baptism.

Works in faith / love.

And beside this, giving all diligence,
add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;
And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience;
and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness;
and to brotherly kindness charity....

Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence
to make your calling and election sure:

for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly
into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

II Peter 1:5-11

Comfort!

An abundant entrance into heaven!
It is obtainable and clearly explained.
The eight things guarantee never falling.



WARNING!

You cannot have a life of earthly pleasure or sinful living, for our First John 3 condemned the latter.

He that committeth sin is of the devil;
for the devil sinneth from the beginning.
For this purpose the Son of God was manifested,
that he might destroy the works of the devil.
Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin;
for his seed remaineth in him:
and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

I John 3:8-9



WARNING!

You cannot neglect love of the brethren, or it exposes you as related to Cain and Satan, not the God of love.

We know that we have passed
from death unto life, because we love the brethren.
He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.
Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer:
and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.
Hereby perceive we the love of God,
because he laid down his life for us:
and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

I John 3:14-16

Comfort!

Tonight ... believe on the name of Jesus!

Tonight ... let faith in Him cause works!

Tonight ... love brethren much more!

And this is his commandment,
That we should believe on
the name of his Son Jesus Christ,
and love one another,
as he gave us commandment.

I John 3:23

For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision
availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision;
but faith which worketh by love.

Galatians 5:6

We give thanks to God always for you all,
making mention of you in our prayers;
Remembering without ceasing
your work of faith,
and labour of love,
and patience of hope
in our Lord Jesus Christ,
in the sight of God and our Father;
Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.

I Thessalonians 1:2-4

And beside this, giving all diligence,
add to your faith virtue;
and to virtue knowledge;
And to knowledge temperance;
and to temperance patience;
and to patience godliness;
And to godliness brotherly kindness;
and to brotherly kindness charity.

II Peter 1:5-7

Damnation Is Limited!

Not one elect will ever get near hell.
You can prove election to you and others.
The devil has no hope and hates your hope.
So he will try to deceive you into hopelessness.

Comfort!

These examples of many are used by the devil as fiery darts to steal your confidence and reduce your Christian life by fear.

Christ is become of no effect unto you,
whosoever of you are justified by the law;
ye are fallen from grace.

Galatians 5:4

But he that shall endure unto the end,
the same shall be saved.

Matthew 24:13

For the time is come that judgment
must begin at the house of God:
and if it first begin at us,
what shall the end be of them
that obey not the gospel of God?
And if the righteous scarcely be saved,
where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?
Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God
commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing,
as unto a faithful Creator.

I Peter 4:17-19

For it is impossible
for those who were once enlightened,
and have tasted of the heavenly gift,
and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,
And have tasted the good word of God,
and the powers of the world to come,
If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance;
seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh,
and put him to an open shame.

Hebrews 6:4-6

For if we sin wilfully after that
we have received the knowledge of the truth,
there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,
But a certain fearful looking for of
judgment and fiery indignation,
which shall devour the adversaries.

Hebrews 10:26-27

Hebrews Four Conundrums!

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Another gift from God to easily understand four passages that can terrify Christians and that most pastors cannot answer consistently.

Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread,
and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily,
shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

But let a man examine himself,
and so let him eat of that bread,
and drink of that cup.

For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily,
eateth and drinketh damnation to himself,
not discerning the Lord's body.

I Corinthians 11:27-29

We know that
whosoever is born of God sinneth not;
but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself,
and that wicked one toucheth him not.

I John 5:18

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord,
shall enter into the kingdom of heaven;
but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord,
have we not prophesied in thy name?
and in thy name have cast out devils?
and in thy name done many wonderful works?
And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you:
depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Matthew 7:21-23

Verily I say unto you,
All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men,
and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme:
But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost
hath never forgiveness, but is in danger
of eternal damnation:
Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit.

Mark 3:28-30

And whosoever was not found written
in the book of life
was cast into the lake of fire.

Revelation 20:15

He that overcometh,
the same shall be clothed in white raiment;
and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life,
but I will confess his name before my Father,
and before his angels.

Revelation 3:5

For if after they have escaped
the pollutions of the world through the knowledge
of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
they are again entangled therein, and overcome,
the latter end is worse with them than the beginning....

II Peter 2:20-22

But I keep under my body,
and bring it into subjection:
lest that by any means,
when I have preached to others,
I myself should be a castaway.

I Corinthians 9:27

Comfort!

These verses are not to scare His children that He might throw them away but to condemn false professors and stir you up to action.



WARNING!

How much effort should
you apply to making your
election sure to yourself?

ALL DILIGENCE!

Comfort!

God chose to save you before you existed.
He did not save you because He had to.
He ceases to be God if He loses you.

Comfort!

Jesus lived a perfect life as your Substitute.
Jesus died in your place for your sins.
He lives forever to fully save you.

For if, when we were enemies,
we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son
much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

Romans 5:10

Who is he that condemneth?
It is Christ that died,
yea rather, that is risen again,
who is even at the right hand of God,
who also maketh intercession for us.

Romans 8:34

But this man,
because he continueth ever,
hath an unchangeable priesthood.
Wherefore he is able also to save them
to the uttermost that come unto God by him,
seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 7:24-25

My sheep hear my voice,
and I know them, and they follow me:
And I give unto them eternal life;
and they shall never perish,
neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.
My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all;
and no man is able to pluck them
out of my Father's hand.

John 10:27-29

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