

CAN YOU REALLY KNOW FOR SURE YOU'RE GOING TO HEAVEN?

A. WHAT DOES ASSURANCE MEAN?

1. Definition: "Assurance is the _____ and _____ conviction of the _____ in Christ that he or she possesses eternal salvation based solely upon the _____ and the _____."

2. Though *assurance* of salvation _____ lost, the believer's *salvation* itself _____ lost because we are eternally secure in Christ.

- *What are some biblical examples of assurance of salvation?*

B. HOW CAN YOU HAVE ASSURANCE?

1. Real assurance of salvation is based only on the perfect _____ of Jesus Christ upon the cross and His resurrection. (John 19:30; Heb. 10:10-14)

- *What role do the good works of a believer have in personal assurance? . . . in assurance to others?*

2. Real assurance of salvation is found only in the unchanging _____ of God. (John 3:16; 5:24; 6:47; 11:25-26, 40; 1 John 5:9-13)

C. WHY DO PEOPLE LACK ASSURANCE?

People often lack assurance because:

1. They are relying upon their _____ instead of the _____ of God's Word. (2 Tim. 3:15-17)

2. They come under the influence of _____. (Gal. 1:6-9; 5:3-4; 1 Tim. 1:19; 2 Tim. 2:18)

- *What are some examples of this?*

3. They have been persistently _____ and have lost sight of God's grace. (Luke 15:21)

4. They have _____ been _____. (Matt. 7:21-23)