

Mother's Day

Pro 20:6 Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?

Pro 31:10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

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TEXT – Isa 32:17 And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.

INTRO – Book by Bruce Foster – “The Doubt Problem”

Harry Ironside – Full Assurance

People can be categorized into four groups.

1. Unsaved
2. Babe in Christ
3. Defeated Christian
4. Victorious Christian

If Satan can get true believers to doubt their salvation and give unbelievers a false confidence he is successful in neutralizing the Christian and sending the lost to hell.

I. Unbelievers are blinded to their lost condition. – 2 Co 4:4 *In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*

Satan works in a variety of ways:

- **Some ignore their spiritual condition**

They live for the things of the world – Their family, money and things it will buy, fame and fortune. They may even convince themselves that God is not real and hell is fake.

- **Some trust in a false religion**

2 Co 11:13-15 *For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. 14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.*

- **Some trust in their good deeds**

1 Co 2:14 *But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

Eph 2:8-9 *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.*

Titus 3:5 *Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;*

- **Some trust in an emotional experience**

Trusting emotions is trusting the flesh

Rom 7:18 *For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.*

- **Some are scorners and fools**

2 Pe 3:3-4 *Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, 4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.*

You are either saved or lost!

If you did what the Bible teaches and exercised your faith in Christ, who said you're not saved?

- **Do you remember anything about the experience? If not you will never have assurance.**
- **If you continue to pray for salvation it will never be settled. Which time did you mean it?**

The only means of assurance is from the Word of God!

- **Have you heard the gospel?**
- **Do you understand the gospel?**
- **Did you exercise your faith in Christ's substitutionary death?**
- **Are you relying on the teaching from the Bible?**
- **It is a spiritual birth**

John 6:44 *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.*

II. A Babe In Christ

1 Co 3:1-2 *And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. 2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.*

Heb 5:12-14 *For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. 13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. 14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*

A. A new believer

1. Lives more by emotion – Easily discouraged or offended
2. Excited about the Lord
3. Not learned in Scripture
4. Still growing in grace
5. Depends upon his mentors
6. Not able to handle some things

B. A stunted believer

III. A Defeated Christian

A. Because of hurt

B. Worldly friends

C. Laziness

D. Discouragement

E. Backsliding

Num 8:5-11 *And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 6 Take the Levites from among the children of Israel, and cleanse them. 7 And thus shalt thou do unto them, to cleanse them: Sprinkle water of purifying upon them, and let them shave all their flesh, and let them wash their clothes, and so make themselves clean. 8 Then let them take a young bullock with his meat offering, even fine flour mingled with oil, and another young bullock shalt thou take for a sin offering. 9 And thou shalt bring the Levites before the tabernacle of the congregation: and thou shalt gather the whole assembly of the children of Israel together: 10 And thou shalt bring the Levites before the LORD: and the children of Israel shall put their hands upon the Levites: 11 And Aaron shall offer the Levites before the LORD for an offering of the children of Israel, that they may execute the service of the LORD.*

The Levites had to be offered to God before going on with their earthly service after being cleansed with water and with blood. The infant Jesus was presented to God even though He had been with God from all eternity, before He entered upon His earthly service. You and I cannot render reasonable service to the Lord until we have presented our bodies as living sacrifices.

Luk 2:21-22 *And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb. 22 And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord;*

Rom 12:1-2 *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God . . .*

Why the emphasis on body? Because it is God's home. Know ye not that Christ dwelleth in you -- Christ liveth in you, "except ye be reprobate"? We know the Holy Spirit makes the physical bodies of Christians His temple. And so the Godhead, Father, Son, and Spirit, are dwelling within every child of God. Think what a sorrow it must be to the Lord Jesus Christ to have to live in an unclean home, to have to dwell in a sinning Christian.

Thomas E. Stephens, founder and director of the Great Commission Prayer League, after he had sent out appeal after appeal to pray for a revival in the whole body of Christ, one time said, "The Lord Jesus Christ is living in a half paralytic body today on earth."

Gal 3:1-3 *O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? 2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? 3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? Jesus longs to have that body thrilling, tingling with His own life, filled with all the fullness of God.*

IV. A Victorious Christian

1 Cor. 15:57 *But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

1 Jn 5:4-5 *For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?*

A. Cleansed your life – repent – turn to God

B. Present it to God

C. Commune with the Lord

CONCL - Doubt is satanic. Anything not of faith is sin.