

# How Do You Know You're Saved

It *is* possible to know if you are saved.

Hebrews 6:11 <sup>“11</sup> And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end,”

**Know why you need Salvation – we are lost in our sin and the penalty is death.**

Romans 6:23 “For the **wages of sin is death**, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 3:10 “as it is written: “**None is righteous**, no, not one”

**How is salvation offered to us?**

1 John 4:10 “In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the **propitiation for our sins**.”

**What's required for Salvation?**

- **Knowledge** – we must hear and understand the Gospel of Christ
- **Belief** – We must believe it to be true
- **Acceptance/repentance** – We must turn away from our own self and toward Christ, asking Him to forgive us. Our hope is set on the person and work of Christ, not on ourselves.

Romans 10:9 “because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

**How can I remain confident after I accept Salvation?**

**Remember, it was done FOR you, not BY you!!!**

Ephesians 2:8-9 “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

Repentance does not mean perfection, but a change of mind. We accept that God's standards are absolute so only His solution can suffice.

Ask yourself:

Does my life reflect that I believe in Jesus? If not, do I know the truth?

We may be in a state of rebellion toward God, but believers experience conviction as a result of the Holy Spirit living in us. Our sin does not cancel our salvation, it simply reminds us of our need for it! We are sealed by Christ, and He continually calls us to follow Him.

Ephesians 4:30 "And do not **grieve the Holy Spirit** of God, by whom you were **sealed** for the day of redemption."

### **Salvation depends on God. Salvation rests on:**

God's Nature – 1 Peter 1:3-5 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

Jesus' Work – John 3:16-17 "For God so loved the world, <sup>a</sup> that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

### The Promises of God –

**Believers are safe from final judgment:** John 5:24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life."

**When we ask, we receive:** Acts 2:21 "And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

**Secure salvation is was the reason Jesus came to earth** "And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup> Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life."

**Understand that to doubt is to be human. Hold to your original confidence in Christ, not your emotion!**

Hebrews 3:12-14 “Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. <sup>13</sup> But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. <sup>14</sup> For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed **we hold our original confidence firm to the end.**”

Romans 8:35; 37-39

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”