

Assurance of Salvation:

Intro: Assurance is for believers

- I. Definition of Faith – belief that the promises God made to me are real

3 components to saving faith:

1. An understanding of facts
2. An intellectual agreement with the facts
3. Personal trust in the facts

- II. Definition of Assurance – Assurance is the humble and joyful confidence a believer has that he is irrevocably a child of God and has eternal life.

Difference between Faith and Assurance: Faith is the root and assurance is the flower. Doubtless you can never have the flower without the root; but it is no less certain you may have the root and not the flower.

Objective Assurance:

God uses two instruments for objective assurance:

1. His Word
2. The Holy Spirit

Test your assurance:

1. **Who is Jesus?**
2. **What did Jesus do to save us?**
3. **How is a person saved by what Jesus Christ did?**
4. **How does a person respond to Jesus Christ when they are born again?**

Subjective Assurance:

Lacking in the pursuit of holiness – therefore assurance is not known

Characteristics of Assurance:

1. Assurance is founded upon God, His Son, Holy Spirit, and the Word.
2. Assurance is given to all believers, but believers can lack assurance at times.
3. Assurance is fostered by sanctification, not mere profession.
4. Assurance often grows in trials/discipline, not just the joy of blessing.