

Soteriology: Assurance of Salvation – Part 5

Define Christian assurance: Assurance is the humble and joyful confidence a believer has that he is irrevocably a child of God and has eternal life.

What can cause a person to lack assurance:

1. A misunderstanding of the gospel or God's Word will affect one's assurance of salvation.
2. If a believer is lacking in the pursuit of holiness, therefore assurance will not be known.

Test: Do you regularly love God, and when you don't love Him, are you convicted/confess/repent.

I John 2:3, 5, 17; 2:24

John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:10

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.