

Know You Are Saved – Be Confident!

(Don't Be Afraid That You'll Be Lost and Go To Hell)

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➤ Intro:

- Know You Are Saved – Be Confident!

- **Don't be afraid** you'll be lost and go to hell! – Be confident you're going to heaven!
- **if you stared death in the face today**, be confident that you're saved, have a home in heaven

➤ There's no doubt Christians can sin, and be lost for eternity – shouldn't be afraid of that fact

- **1 Tim. 6:20-21** Christians in 1st century fell away (strayed from the faith), fact of life – **not be afraid**
- - **Heb. 12:15-16** we can fall short of God's grace – **like Easu who sold his birthright for food – vs. 17**
- - **Gal. 5:3-4** Christians tried to be saved by keeping the Mosaic Law, severed from Christ, fallen from grace
 - **illus.: Jn. 15**, Jesus is the vine, we are the branches, unfruitful branches cut off and thrown into fire
- - **Ja. 5:19-20** strayed from the truth, they were sinners who were spiritually dead, needed to be saved
 - **can correct, be forgiven, be saved again**

➤ You should be confident of your salvation – know saved, confident

- **2 Tim. 4:7-8** confident in crown of life, Jesus award – **picture**
- - **Phil. 3:12** laid hold of that which Jesus has already laid hold of for you – **picture**
- - **Heb. 12:1-2** allegory: Jesus at the finish line waiting on you – **picture**
 - **illus.: song, #4 Blessed Assurance** - Jesus is mine
 - **illus.: song, #485 I Know The Lord Will Make A Way** - for me
- - **1 Pet. 1:3-4** inheritance reserved in heaven, imperishable, not fade away, living hope – **certain, definite**
- - **Jude 1:24-25** God able to keep you from stumbling, make you stand – **faithful = certainty of salvation**
 - **2 Pet. 1:5-11** 8 attributes – diligent, increasing, not stumble, abundant entrance into kingdom
- - **Jn. 14:1-4, 6** Jesus prepared eternal abode for the saints, the way is Jesus, come again to receive us
 - **illus.: song, #198 An Empty Mansion** - There's a mansion now empty just waiting for me
- - **1 Th. 4:14-18** comfort one another, these words – **if not confident, not comforting**

➤ end part one:

- **We know we can sin and be lost eternally / we should be confident we are saved and going to heaven.**
- **How do we balance** the two concepts? – **know which side of the fence you are on**
 - **How do we know** we are saved?
 - **John explains** in detail
 - **1 Jn. 5:13** "These things I have **written to you who believe** in the name of the Son of God, so that you may **know that you have eternal life.**"
- **next lesson:** examination of First John – know that you are saved
- **inv.:** you can know that you are saved today by obeying Jesus

- review **Part I**: review PP – We know we can sin and be lost eternally / we should be confident we are saved and going to heaven.

➤ How can you *know* you're saved, without any doubt? – know you are faithful, faithful enough for heaven

- note: **1 John sets forth "how" we know** we are saved, and live as those who are humbly confident of their salvation – other Scriptures give info, but John more than the others – here are a few from **1 John**

- **1 Jn. 1:4; 5:13** complete joy = knowing you have eternal life

➤ - You know you are saved, if you have fellowship with God and Jesus through the apostles.

- **1 Jn. 1:3-4** fellowship with the apostles through the gospel, joy be complete (full) - rf. **1 Jn. 1:1-2**

- **1 Jn. 1:5-7** have fellowship with God and Jesus' blood, through fellowship with apostles

- obey the word of God delivered by the apostles

- illus.: song, #326 *Trust and Obey* – know you're saved, trust and obey

➤ - You know you are saved, if you are confess your sins in prayer – Jesus' blood cleanses you.

- **1 Jn. 1:8-2:2** confessing your sins (prayer), Jesus' blood cleanses, Jesus Advocate and propitiation

- repent / confess to God in prayer / ask for forgiveness / confess to others who can help when helpful

- forgiveness / God's terms / know saved

➤ - You know you are saved, if you don't love the world. – you love God, therefore obey Him

- **1 Jn. 2:15-17** love world = give into worldly lusts - eyes, flesh, pride of life

- Jesus: can't serve two master, else love one and hate the other – love God or world

- illus.: song, #230 *This World Is Not My Home* – love God rather than world, know saved

➤ - You know you are saved, if you're not practicing sin – therefore you're practicing righteousness

- **1 Jn. 3:4-10** practice righteousness = saved / practice sin = lost

- sins spoken of here denotes the continual abiding in sin as a manner of life, habitual practice rather than an honest mistake as in **1 Jn. 1:8-2:2**

- **Matt. 7:21-23** they practice lawlessness (vs. 23)

- Christians:

- **2 Pet. 1:5-10** eight attributes, practice these things, never stumble (vs. 10)

➤ - You know you are saved, if you love God and keep His commandments.

- **1 Jn. 2:3-6** to know God is to keep His commandments from love

- **2 Th. 1:8** (know God = obey gospel) “dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.”

- **1 Jn. 5:3** “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.”

- **Jn. 15:10** (Jesus) “If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love. . . .”

➤ - You know you are saved, if you love your brethren. – reflects your love and obedience toward God

- **1 Jn. 2:9-11** love brother = know abide in the Light, saved

➤ - **1 Jn. 3:14-19** love brother = know passed from life unto death, saved – lay down life for brethren

➤ - **1 Jn. 4:7-9** love brother = know born of God, saved – God saves His children

➤ - **1 Jn. 4:19-21** love brother = know love God and obey His commands

- **The result of loving God** – relating to knowing you are saved – **apage**
 - **1 Jn. 4:17-18** confident in the day of judgment, love cast out fear
 - **solution for uncertainty regarding salvation: love God as He commands**
- - **1 Jn. 5:1-3** know that you are a child of God – saved
- - **1 Jn. 5:4-5** know you are born of God, have overcome the world, saved - faith is the victory
- - **1 Jn. 5:13** know you have eternal life
- - **1 Jn. 5:14-15** know God hears and answers your prayers, according to His will

- **Summary / Inv.**
 - **know that you are saved – love God and obey**
 - **confidence we have as Christians:**
 - **1 Jn. 2:28-3:3** our confidence, when Jesus comes we shall be like Him, because purified ourselves
 - **inv.:** be pure today, faithfully loving and obeying God, certain of your salvation