

Assurance of Salvation

Can we KNOW we are saved?

Three coloured points showing:

There are two passages that give us the scriptures very own summary of 'the gospel'. Both tell us, our salvation is conditional **BUT SURE**

Colossians 1:22-23

22 But now He HAS reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy, without blemish and blameless before Him.

23 If indeed you continue in the faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope (confident expectation) of the gospel that you heard, that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and [the gospel] of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

1 I make known to you, brothers, the gospel that I preached to you, which you also received, in which also you stand, 2 by which YOU ARE SAVED, if you hold fast the word that I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you as of first importance, ...that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day, according to the Scriptures

Both scriptures above summarise 'the gospel' & both clearly tell us that salvation is conditional **BUT SURE**

Galatians 1:8

if we or an angel from heaven, preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached, let him be accursed

In the light of these scriptures:

A 'gospel' WITHOUT ASSURANCE is a 'contrary' gospel, a false doctrine

1 John 3:9

No one who is born of God practices [agrees with and abides in] sin, because God's seed abides in Him...

2 Corinthians 5:17

If anyone is in Christ he IS a new creation, old things HAVE passed away, the new HAS come.

Ephesians 3:12

In Him and through faith in Him we can enter God's presence with boldness and confidence.

Romans 4:25 - 5:1

He was delivered over because of our trespasses, and was raised because of our justification.
5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

According to God's Word and His Spirit within us,
can we KNOW we are saved?
YES, absolutely YES!

Romans 8:16

The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we ARE children of God.

1 John 4:13

By this we KNOW that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

the Kingdom of God is...
RIGHTEOUSNESS, PEACE & JOY
in the Holy Spirit
Rom.14:17

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Not by anything we do, but by God's mercy & grace
we know we are saved & do not come into judgement.

2 Timothy 1 : 8 & 9

8 ...join me in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, 9 **who HAS SAVED US** and called us with a holy calling, **not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus from (before) all eternity.**

John 5:24

Most certainly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, **HAS ETERNAL LIFE**, and does not come into judgement, but **HAS passed out of death into life.**

Acts 16:30-31

30 ...he said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"
31 They said, "Believe (entrust, trust) in the Lord Jesus, and **YOU WILL BE SAVED**, you and your household."

Titus 3:5-7

5 **HE SAVED US**, not on the basis of (by) deeds (works) that we have done in righteousness, but according to his mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, 6 whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, 7 that **BEING JUSTIFIED by His grace** we would be made heirs according to the hope (confident expectation) of eternal life.

1 John 5:11-13

11 And this is the testimony, that **God has given to us eternal life**, and this life is in his Son.
12 **Whoever has the Son has life**; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 **I write these things to you who believe (trust, entrust) in the name of the Son of God that you may KNOW that you have eternal life.**

*Parentheses = (fuller meaning of the greek word from Strong's Concordance)
Brackets = [clarifying comments, which are kept to a minimum]*

Can we KNOW we are Saved? Are We Saved By Faith Plus Works?

Five coloured points from scripture clearly tell us:

We are saved **for good works**. We ARE saved **by grace through faith**, not by works, but faith without works is dead. We fall from grace if we try to be saved **by works**

Ephesians 2:8-10

8 For **by grace you have been saved through (on account of) faith**; and this is not of yourselves, it is the **GIFT of God**; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus ***for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.** [*we are saved FOR good works, not saved BY them]

James 2:14,17, 20, 24 & 26

14 What use is it, my brothers, If someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him?
17 Even so faith, if it has no work, is dead, being **by itself**. 20 Are you willing to recognise, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless? 24 You see that **a man is justified by works* and not by faith alone.**

[* 'by works' OF salvation that demonstrate our 'living' faith, NOT by works FOR salvation, *see below]

26 ...faith without works is dead. ['dead' faith cannot save, 'it is useless' vs.20]

Galatians 3:10 & 5:4

3:10 **all who rely on keeping the law are under a curse**
5:4 **You have been SEVERED from CHRIST**, you who are seeking to be justified (made righteous) BY (keeping, obeying) the Law [works FOR righteousness]; **you have fallen from grace.**

Cults: Faith in Christ + Good Works = Salvation
Scripture: Faith in Christ = Salvation + Good Works

*The Works OF Righteousness [i.e. the evidence, the fruits OF Salvation] are the Works [the fruits] OF Love

Galatians 5:14

For the **ENTIRE LAW** is fulfilled in this one word, in this: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

We are **not** saved BY Good works
We are saved FOR good works!

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we know we are saved **through (on account of) faith.**

Romans 3:20-28

20 by the works of the Law no one will be justified (made righteous) in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin. 20 But now **APART** from the Law the righteousness of God has been revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 **even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe**; for there is no difference; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

'being justified as a gift'

24 **BEING JUSTIFIED (made righteous) as a gift (freely) by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus**; 25 who God displayed publicly as a propitiation (sin offering) in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; 26 for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at this present time so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

27 Where then is boasting? It is excluded. **By what kind of law?** Of works? NO, but by the law of faith.

28 For we maintain that a man **IS JUSTIFIED by faith APART** from (without) the works of the Law.

Hebrews 10:19-22

19 Therefore, brothers, **since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus**, 20 **by a new and living way which He inaugurated (dedicated) for us through the veil, that is His flesh**, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 **let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith**, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience [knowing we are forgiven] and our bodies washed with pure water.