

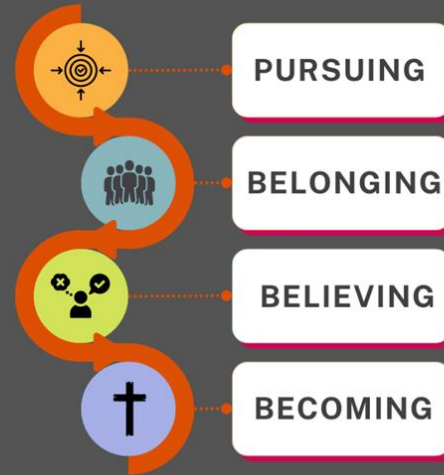
# ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

Christian Knowledge & Living

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## MY NEXT STEPS



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## Christian Knowledge

This is about knowing what God has revealed to us about who he is and what is important to him and how he revealed himself in Jesus Christ.

## Christian Living

This is about how we are to respond to God's presence in our lives. How to know him, pray, use his word, and worship him

## Growth in Christ

## Christian Training

This is about the how to's: How can I share the gospel with others?; How can I be hospitable? The answers to these questions will change as culture changes, but, we need to "be prepared to make a defense for the hope that is us" when God gives the opportunity.

## Christian Serving

This is about serving and doing and practicing what we have learned. It is about how do we work together in the church to do God's will.

# Starter Questions

- Has anyone ever told you that you could lose your salvation?
- If so, what did you say in response?
- If you have never been asked this, how would you respond?

# A Quick Review

- Perseverance of the saints teaches us that true Christians will remain steadfast in their faith until the end.
- I give them eternal life, **and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.** <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, <sup>[a]</sup> is greater than all, **and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.**

John 10:28-29 ESV

- **And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.**

Philippians 1:6 ESV

- No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> 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.**

Romans 8:37-39 ESV

# Key Concept

- The important truth of the doctrine of the perseverance of the saints is that true Christians **CANNOT** lose their salvation and can have **CERTAINTY** of it!

## Key Passage

- For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> **And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.**

Romans 8:29-30 ESV

# Our Blessed Assurance

- <sup>38</sup> For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup> And this is the will of him who sent me, **that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me**, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup> For this is the will of my Father, that **everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life**, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

John 6:38-40 ESV

- I write these things **to you who believe** in the name of the Son of God, **that you may know that you have eternal life.**

1 John 5:13 ESV

# A Warning

- <sup>21</sup> “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, **but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.** <sup>22</sup> On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ <sup>23</sup> **And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’**

Matthew 7:21-23 ESV

- **They went out from us, but they were not of us;** for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us.

1 John 2:19 ESV

- **Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith.**

2 Corinthians 13:5 ESV



# Our Obedience

- <sup>12</sup> Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.**

Philippians 2:12-13 ESV

- “If you love me, **you will keep my commandments.**

John 14:15 ESV

- <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> **And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.**

Galatians 5:22-24 ESV

# In Summary

- True Christians **CANNOT** lose their salvation and have **ASSURANCE** of it!
- Not everyone that claims to be a Christian is truly saved.
  - Professing faith is not the same thing as possessing faith
- Our lives must reflect a growing love for the Lord and a desire to obey His Word
  - 1 John 1:9

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# Discussion Questions

- What is the significance of our assurance of salvation?
- Reread Jesus's words in Matthew 7:21-23. What should we take away from them?
- What should we do when we struggle with sin?
- What are some ways you can pursue holiness in obedience to the Lord?

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– R.C. Sproul



# Upcoming Sessions!

11/10/24	10	Salvation and me	What happens when I am saved?	Christian Beliefs Ch 13-15	Bryan Rosenbaum
11/17/24	11	What is the church?	How do we live with other believers?	Christian Beliefs Ch 17	Steve Shenk
	12	Action Step			
11/24/24	13	Can I be sure that I am saved?	Having assurance of your salvation	Growing in Christ, Ch 1	Bryan Rosenbaum
12/1/24	14	Assurance of answered prayer	How to pray	Growing in Christ, Ch 2	Tony Guzman
12/8/24	15	Assurance of Victory	God promises to help	Growing in Christ, Ch 3	Isaac Tuckey