

**The Psychology Of Assurance**  
**Outline - May 19, 2024**  
**John 5:22-24; John 10:27-29; 1 John 5:10-13**

**Two Questions We Must Ask And Answer**

**I. Three possible categories that a person will find themselves**

- A. I think I am O.K.
  - 1. I hope so
  - 2. I do my best
- B. I am not good enough
  - 1. I have said and done some terrible things
  - 2. I feel I am beyond forgiveness
- C. I am certain of my salvation because of what Jesus has done for me

**II. Why is confidence so important?**

- A. Death is real
  - 1. It is permanent
  - 2. It is the door into Eternity
- B. Certainty is desired by all of us
- C. Heaven is real
- D. The desire for salvation/Heaven is essential to the human psyche
- E. The complaint of atheists
  - 1. Life is a cruel joke
  - 2. It ends quickly
  - 3. Then you are soon forgotten
- F. However for the believer this is "Act 1" of our life

- G. This is why you truly don't know how to live until you have settled the issue of death

**III. How salvation (eternal life) comes to humanity**

- A. Jesus (Yeshua) came into the world on a rescue mission
  - 1. Rescue us from sin (and it's eternal consequences)
  - 2. Rescue us from Satan
  - 3. Rescue us from self (selfish ambitions, ways, lifestyle)
- B. Jesus lived a perfect life and did amazing miracles
- C. Proclaimed being the Great I Am
- D. Offers eternal life
  - 1. Believing in Him
  - 2. Believing in His crucifixion and resurrection
- E. When a person believes, they receive eternal life

**IV. Seven things occur when a person believes in Jesus**

- A. Born again/new creation
  - 1. John 3:3
  - 2. 2 Corinthians 5:17
- B. Sealed by the Spirit
  - 1. Ephesians 1:13
- C. Gift of eternal life
  - 1. Romans 6:23
- D. Justified by faith (not guilty)
  - 1. Romans 5:1
- E. Everything you now do in His name brings reward

- 1. Matthew 10:42
- F. Sanctified: He is working in you
  - 1. 1 Corinthians 1:30
- G. Heaven is yours
  - 1. John 5:24

**V. The great question (the great fear): Can I lose it?**

- A. Some things to remember
  - 1. Salvation is not about our performance  
Ephesians 2:8-9
  - 2. None of us have power to keep our salvation any more than we have the power to earn it
  - 3. Jesus holds onto us  
John 10:26-29
  - 4. We have grace and forgiveness each day as believers  
(It is finished)  
John 19:28-37

**VI. What can be lost if we turn back, become prodigal, go AWOL? - 10 things**

- A. Reputation
- B. Position (in life)
- C. Family
- D. Job
- E. Health
- F. Blessings
- G. Life
- H. Rewards
- I. Place in Kingdom
- J. Assurance

**VII. What is the motivation to walk with Jesus?  
(To live a life that blesses God and others)**

- A. Realization that life with Messiah is far better than the mess sin made of my life
- B. Gratitude for eternal life
- C. Love for God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)
- D. Compassion for others
- E. Blessings/rewards

**VIII. The blessings that come from staying with Jesus**

- A. Peace with God  
John 6:37
- B. Promise of God  
John 11:25-28
- C. Purpose with God  
Matthew 28:17-20
- D. Power of resurrection  
1 Corinthians 15
- E. Praise to God
- F. Prayer that changes things
- G. Place in His eternal kingdom

**Have The Assurance He Will Never Leave You  
Or Forsake You.  
Eternal Life Given To All Who Believe.**