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Can Christians be Confident They are Saved?

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CAN CHRISTIANS BE CONFIDENT THEY ARE SAVED? The Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and that Paul teaches, proclaims, "sinners are saved by faith in Christ and by God's grace," and not by works. Following are the three things I look forward to most when I am raised from the dead is:

1. Seeing the Lord who gave His life for me, and who I have loved for most of my life.
2. Being raised in a body, totally free of any form sin and completely free of all invading sinful thoughts and attitudes.
3. Seeing God's Kingdom being established on earth, and the head of the world (the Lord Jesus Christ), and His government ruling the nations, not for power, control, and worldly riches, but for the well-being of all mankind.

I mention these three attitudes, so whoever is reading this post, will have some understanding of my faith, before they make a judgment upon me, concerning what I am about to say. In years gone by, I have fellowshiped with very faithful and devoted Christians who had an amazing knowledge of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and lived a godly Christian life, who I greatly respect, but despite their great knowledge and love for Christ, could not rest in the confidence, "they are saved," based upon the fact, they cannot know if they will turn away from God, sometime in the future. In contrast to this, I, and I believe many other faithful Christians, who have faith in Christ, and aim to live a life that honours God and brings a good testimony to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ (though not one of us attains to this perfectly), live in the confidence, we are saved, and will be accepted when the Saviour who we love, and died for us, returns.

Consider the alternative, if we live in doubt, never trusting in Christ's righteousness being imputed to us, and in God's grace, but instead forever wondering if Christ will accept us or not, how can this be counted as faith, and how can our faith give us any comfort now? Especially when that day comes when we are lying on our death bed, breathing our last breath, what comfort can our faith bring us, if we have no confidence, the Saviour we have set our faith and love upon will accept us? Of course, I believe, "if I reject Jesus and His heavenly Father, they will reject me, for they will never force themselves upon anyone," but, as long as I faithfully abide in Christ, I never allow doubt to rob me from the truth (even though I don't feel worthy of it, and am totally humbled by it), God's eyes see me, as His loved child, not for any worth in myself, but because of my faith, devotion and love for His beloved Son.

BEING SEALED IN THE SPIRIT AND HEAVENLY BLESSINGS

When a believer places their trust in Christ to save them,

After a sinner:

- Hears the Gospel of salvation and the message of the bloodstained cross of Calvary.
- Believe Jesus died for them, was buried, and rose again, and will return to gather the faithful to himself, and establish God's Kingdom on earth.
- Is convicted of sin, repent and are water baptized.

God seals them with His Spirit, and the Spirit baptizes them into Christ, and they become an adopted child of God and a member of the body of Christ. Being in Christ, God blesses them with all spiritual blessings in the heavenly places in Christ, these blessings include; God choosing them and adopting them as His dear child and accepting them in the beloved.

- **Ephesians 1:3:** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.
- **Ephesians 1:4:** According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love.
- **Ephesians 1:5:** Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will.
- **Ephesians 1:6:** To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

The believers' part is to exercise faith, and trust and believe, God's part was placing them into Christ, and blessing them with all spiritual blessings in Christ (i.e., forgiveness of sin, grace, mercy, and eternal life etc.). During their walk with Christ there may be days when their level of trust and belief deteriorates and other days when it increases depending on emotions and excitements, despite this, God remains faithful and His blessings remains upon them, He never takes these heavenly blessings away, because they are already in Christ, and being in Christ no one can separate them from the love of God which is in Christ.

- **Romans 8:38:** For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come.
- **Romans 8:39:** Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

BORN AGAIN AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN

God calls those in Christ, "born again," once you are born, you cannot get "unborn," or become "unborn," even when a person dies that does not make them not a child of their parent

- **1 John 3:2:** Beloved, now we are children of God.

John teaches, the beloved in Christ have become God's children.

- **Romans 8:16:** The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

God's Spirit testifies, we are children of God. All in Christ have free will to obey our Father's wishes or not, however, if we present our bodies to sin, we will very likely reap negative consequences (Romans 6), nevertheless, based upon the following verses, though we may suffer loss at the judgement seat of Christ, we will not lose our salvation.

- **1 Corinthians 3:11–15:** For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— ¹³ each one’s work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. ¹⁴ If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.
- **Ephesians 1:13:** In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise”

Surely, when God seals a thing, its sealed.

- **1 Corinthians 6:20:** For you were bought with a price: therefore, glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.

When God buys something, it is His forever.

- **John 5:24:** Jesus said: Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears my word and believes in Him who sent me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgement but has passed from death into life.”

Jesus states, those who believe in him have everlasting life.

- **1 John 5:13:** These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may believe in the name of the Son of God.

John tells those who believe in Jesus, that they should know, in him they have eternal life, (if eternal can end, it is not eternal). The only way a Christian could lose their salvation is to deny Christ as the following verse shows, for neither God or Jesus will every force themselves upon anyone.

- **Matthew 10:33:** whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

Christians at the resurrection may be rewarded or suffer loss, but all who endure in faith in Christ, and cross the finishing line in faith, will be accepted.

FURTHER SALVATION SCRIPTURES

- **John 1:16:** For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.
- **Romans 6:14:** For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.
- **Romans 10:1-3:** Brothers, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. ² For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. ³ For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God’s righteousness.
- **Romans 10:4:** For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.
- **Romans 10:5-8:** For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶ But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ”(that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (That is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);

- **Romans 10:9-11:** if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.”
- **Romans 10:13:** For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”
- **James 4:6:** But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

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