

Assurance 1 John 5:13

Two options when it comes to the assurance of our salvation:

Based on Human Ideas:

Wrong ideas and opinions:

- ⇒ God will accept our best efforts.
- ⇒ Trusting in religious works
- ⇒ Living a good life
- ⇒ Sin is only a human
 - Our righteousness before God (Isaiah 64:6; Romans 3.23)
- ⇒ Salvation is an emotional experience
- ⇒ If I don't feel saved, then I must not be saved.

Based on God's Promises

1. Peace through justification: Faith

1 John 5:1

a. No Prior Qualifications Needed

Romans 5:1; 3:23-24; 8:15-16

b. Good news of Jesus Christ:

c. Heart and head come together.

d. How can we know?

1 John 1:1-4; Romans 3:10-12; Acts 16:31

- The promises of God in the inspired Word of God;
- Christ's death on the cross and resurrection provide forgiveness of sins.
- The way we experience redemption is by faith in what Jesus has done
- We bear the fruits of salvation by living the new life that is in Christ Jesus.

2. Confirmation through a clear conscience: Obedience

1 John 3:19-20; 3:24; 4:13

a. The Holy Spirit Convicts

John 16:8-11

Having a clear conscience (Romans 9:1)

b. The Spirit convicts about obedience

1 John 2:3; 1:9; 1 Timothy 1:18-19; 2 Corinthians 13:5-6

3. Growth in grace: Commitment

1 John 2:3, 5, 29; 4:7-8; 3:10, 14

The Key: What to do with Jesus (1 John 5:19-20)