

# FULL ASSURANCE

**Colossians 2:2** That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, **and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding**, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

**Hebrews 6:11** And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the **full assurance of hope unto the end:**

**Hebrews 10:22** Let us draw near with a true heart in **full assurance of faith**, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

**Finding and experiencing assurance varies so much from person to person:**

- Saved as a young child....
  
- After some big sin / great failure...
  
- After some great loss...
  
- Young / new Christian just wanting to be sure...
  
- A Christian who is taking a step forward / moving up...doubts can creep in.

**John 20:30** And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are **not** written in this book: **John 20:31** But these are written, **that** ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; **and that** believing ye might have life through his name.

**1 John 5:13** These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; **that ye may know that ye have eternal life**, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

## What can we know from Scripture?

1. We can be saved

2. We can know we are saved!

3. We can have **Biblical assurance as opposed to the traditions of man / traditional assurance!**

- I'm saved because I'm...saved!
- I'm saved because I know the date!
- I'm saved because it is written in my Bible!
- I'm saved because I prayed a prayer!

4. We can **even** have full assurance

5. We can have full assurance **through** a variety of means

6. Assurance / full assurance is our responsibility to obtain/ascertain

**Hebrews 6:11** And we desire that every one of you do shew **the same diligence** to the full assurance of hope unto the end:

**2 Peter 1:10** Wherefore the rather, brethren, **give diligence** to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

Accusing the brethren ←-----	-----→Deceiving the world:	
No assurance	Assurance-----full assurance	False assurance

**Revelation 12:9** And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, **which deceiveth the whole world:** he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. **Revelation 12:10** And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for **the accuser of our brethren** is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

**Matthew 7:21** Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. **Matthew 7:22** Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? **Matthew 7:23** And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

## Means of assurance & even full assurance:

### 1. The gracious nature of salvation!

**Ephesians 2:8** For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that **not** of yourselves: *it is the gift of God:* **Ephesians 2:9** **Not** of works, lest any man should boast.

**John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that he **gave** his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

**Romans 3:24** Being justified **freely** by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

**Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin *is* death; but the **gift of God** *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Romans 11:5** Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant **according to the election of grace.** **Romans 11:6** And **if** by grace, **then** *is* it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But **if** *it be* of works, **then** *is* it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

### 2. The unending nature of Christ's intercession!

**Hebrews 7:25** Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. **Hebrews 7:26** For such an high priest became us, *who is* holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; **Hebrews 7:27** Who needeth **not** daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: **for this he did once, when he offered up himself.**

#### **Romans 8:33-34**

Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect?

*It is* God that justifieth.

Who *is* he that condemneth?

*It is* Christ that died,

yea rather, that is risen again,

who is even at the right hand of God,

who also maketh intercession for us.

**Hebrews 9:24** For Christ is **not** entered into the holy places made with hands, *which are* the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, **now** to appear in the presence of God for us: **Hebrews 9:25** **Nor** yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; **Hebrews 9:26** For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: **but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.**

**Hebrews 9:27** And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: **Hebrews 9:28** So Christ was **once** offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

### 3. The abiding presence of the Holy Spirit!

**John 14:16** And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; **John 14:17** *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; **for he dwelleth with you** ( $\pi\alpha\rho' \acute{\upsilon}\mu\acute{\iota}\nu$ ), and shall be in you ( $\acute{\epsilon}\nu \acute{\upsilon}\mu\acute{\iota}\nu$ ).

**Ephesians 1:13** In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, **Ephesians 1:14** Which ( $\acute{\omicron} \acute{\epsilon}\sigma\tau\iota\nu \acute{\alpha}\rho\rho\alpha\beta\acute{\omega}\nu \tau\eta\varsigma \kappa\lambda\eta\rho\nu\nu\omicron\mu\iota\alpha\varsigma \acute{\eta}\mu\acute{\omega}\nu$ ) **is** the earnest of our inheritance **until** the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

**Ephesians 4:30** And grieve **not** the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed **unto** the day of redemption.

### 4. The finished work of Christ!

**Hebrews 9:12** Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but **by** ( $\delta\iota\acute{\alpha} \delta\epsilon \tau\omicron\upsilon \acute{\iota}\delta\iota\omicron\upsilon \acute{\alpha}\iota\mu\alpha\tau\omicron\varsigma$ ) his own blood he entered in once ( $\acute{\epsilon}\phi\acute{\alpha}\rho\alpha\zeta$ ) into the holy place, **having obtained** eternal redemption *for us.*

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**Hebrews 10:1** For the law having a shadow of good things to come, *and not* the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. **Hebrews 10:2** For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. **Hebrews 10:3** But in those *sacrifices there is* a remembrance again *made* of sins every year. **Hebrews 10:4** For *it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.*

**Hebrews 10:10** By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ **once** (**ἐφάπαξ**) *for all.* **Hebrews 10:11** And every priest **standeth** daily ministering and offering oftentimes the **same** sacrifices, **which can never take away sins:** **Hebrews 10:12** **But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God;** **Hebrews 10:13** From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. **Hebrews 10:14** For by **one offering** he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

**1 Peter 3:18** For Christ also hath **once** (**ἄπαξ**) suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, **that** he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

## 5. The indisputable promises of God!

**John 5:24** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, **hath** everlasting life, and shall **not** come into condemnation; **but** is passed from death unto life.

**Romans 8:35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? **Romans 8:36** As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. **Romans 8:37** Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. **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.

**Psalms 37:23** The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. **Psalms 37:24** **Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.** **Psalms 37:28** For the LORD loveth judgment, **and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever:** but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

**Psalms 145:14** The LORD upholdeth all that fall, **and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.**

**Proverbs 24:16** For a just *man* falleth seven times, **and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.** **Proverbs 24:17** Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth: **Proverbs 24:18** Lest the LORD see *it*, and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him.

## 6. The indescribable power of God!

Obviously many categories overlap. No category excludes another category.

**2 Timothy 1:12** For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that **he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.**

**John 10:28** And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand. **John 10:29** My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand. **John 10:30** I and *my* Father are one.

**Romans 8:28** And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose. **Romans 8:29** For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. **Romans 8:30** Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

**Jude 24** Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present *you* faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, **Jude 25** To the only wise God our Saviour, *be* glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

**Hebrews 13:20** Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, **Hebrews 13:21** Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**Ecclesiastes 3:14** I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth *it*, that *men* should fear before him.

## 7. The transforming nature of salvation!

**Philippians 1:6** Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath **begun** a good work in you **will perform it until** the day of Jesus Christ:

**2 Corinthians 5:17** Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

**1 John 5:13** These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; **that ye may know that ye have eternal life**, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

**1 John 2:3** And hereby we do **know** that we know him, **if** we keep his commandments.

**1 John 2:9** He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. **1 John 2:10** He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. **1 John 2:11** But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

**1 John 3:10** In this the children of God are manifest, **and the children of the devil**: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, **neither** he that loveth not his brother.

**1 John 3:14** We **know** that we have passed from death unto life, **because** we love the brethren. He that loveth not *his* brother abideth in death.

**Galatians 5:6** For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; **but faith which worketh by love**.

**2 Peter 1:5** And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; **2 Peter 1:6** And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; **2 Peter 1:7** And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. **2 Peter 1:8** For **if these things be in you**, and abound, they make *you that ye shall* neither *be* barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. **2 Peter 1:9** But he that lacketh **these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.** **2 Peter 1:10** Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall; **2 Peter 1:11** For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **2 Peter 1:12** Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of **these things**, though ye know *them*, and be established in the present truth. **2 Peter 1:15** Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these **things always** in remembrance.

## 8. The internal witness of the Holy Spirit!

**Romans 8:16** The Spirit itself beareth witness **with** our spirit, **that** we are the children of God:

**1 John 3:24** And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. **And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.**

**1 John 4:13** Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, **because** he hath given us of his Spirit.

**2 Corinthians 1:20** For all the promises of God in him *are* yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. **2 Corinthians 1:21** Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, *is* God; **2 Corinthians 1:22** Who hath also sealed us, **and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.**

### Summary:

- **Salvation is a gift**
- **Jesus is praying**
- **The Holy Spirit never leaves us**
- **Salvation is a done deal**
- **God has promised**
- **God can keep us**
- **Salvation changes us/ keeps us from...**
- **The Holy Spirit tells us**