

# How Can I Know For Sure That I'm Saved?

(2 Peter 1:10)

- Introduction:
1. Some things are just too important in life to be unsure about.
  2. One of those matters; the preeminent matter is whether or not we are saved?
  3. I think there are many people who aren't certain if they are saved.
    - a. They have nagging doubts.
    - b. They have hopes, but no assurance.
    - c. They certainly don't have the confidence of Paul (2 Timothy 1:12; 4:6-8).
  4. This lesson is intended to remove those nagging doubts.

## I. Assurance Comes From What Is Written, Not What Is Felt

- A. (1 John 5:13).
- B. Feelings are untrustworthy.
  1. They can cause false concern (Genesis 37:34).
  2. They can cause false confidence (Acts 23:1; Luke 18:11).

## II. Assurance Comes From The Spirit's Testimony, Not Man's Assurances

- A. (Matthew 7:21-23; 1 John 4:1).
- B. (Acts 17:11).
- C. (1 Kings 13:18) Think of the things men sometimes say.
  1. You're saved by faith alone (James 2:24).
  2. Say the sinner's prayer (Acts 22:16).
- D. (Romans 8:16).
- E. (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21).

## III. Note The Difference Between Exclusive & Inclusive

- A. (John 3:16) Believe.
- B. (Acts 3:19) Repent.
- C. (Matthew 10:32) Confession.
- D. (1 Peter 3:21) Baptism.
- E. All of these are included, but none of them are exclusive.

## IV. Recognize God's Two Laws Of Pardon

- A. The Non-Christian (Acts 2:36-38).
- B. The Fallen Christian (Acts 8:1-24).

- Conclusion:
1. Are you saved?
  2. The answer to that question isn't determined by feelings, or by what anyone tells you.
  3. The answer is determined by whether you have obeyed the Word of God.