

Doubt

(1 Kings 15:5)

- Introduction:
1. There was a time in my life when I struggled with assurance.
 2. I would sing songs, "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine;" I would read Scriptures like (2 Timothy 1:12) I know whom I have believed...
 3. Yet, I had doubts. I wrestled with questions about sinning just prior to my death or not dying with a prayer on my lips.
 4. Lost, saved, lost, saved, etc.
 5. I heard and believed that "sin is sin is sin." That it's all the same.
 - a. Maybe you've made this statement, yourself.
 - b. It's easier if we lump it all together...discernment requires effort.
 - c. (John 19:11; Matthew 12:31-32; 1 John 5:16-17).
 - e. It's in this distinction, I learned to find peace, assurance, and security with reference to my salvation.

I. The Problem Explained And How Some Deal With It

- A. Some doubt because they struggle with sin. How can I have assurance when...
 1. I continue to make mistakes.
 2. I don't even know that I know all the mistakes I've made.
 3. Must I die with a prayer on my lips?
 4. What if Jesus returns before I get a chance to confess my sin?
- B. Some say that a Christian's sins, from idolatry to murder, will not damn his soul.
- C. Others say that God won't allow death to "sneak up" on a sinning Christian.
- D. Still others believe that every sin must be known and confessed or they will be denied entrance into Heaven.
- E. (Psalm 19:12).

II. How We Can Have Assurance without Doubting

- A. The peace of mind and assurance of Heaven isn't obtained through achieving a level of spiritual maturity that manifests itself through sinless living, rather it is obtained by walking in the light.
- B. (1 Kings 15:5).
- C. Ills. Of boy wanting to please his father.
- D. Ills. Of children walking in the snow.
- E. (1 John 1:7).

- Conclusion:
1. Don't live your life in doubt.
 2. Enjoy the assurance Jesus gives you.
 3. Ills. of birth and death.