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Knowledge of Salvation

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**Everyone has times when they struggle with the issue of
“assurance” with respect to salvation. Such folk may ask:
CAN we know we are saved? And if so, HOW can we
know? This lesson is based on actual questions received
about this matter. Since these are common questions, we
will deal with them here...**

**So, what must we learn? How can we know? Open your
minds and Bibles, as we study this topic...**

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**Assurance of Salvation
Why Salvation is
Conditional
The “Musts” of Salvation
Salvation in a Nutshell**



Can we know we are saved? If so how?

- ✚ Yes, we can know – by our lifestyle (1John 1:5-10)
- ✚ This lifestyle must be *consistently faithful* (“walk”)
- ✚ However, “perfect living” is not going to happen (v.8)
- ✚ I often say, “*We can’t BE perfect, but we must TRY perfectly!*”



Can we be saved and not know it?

- ✚ No, because the “default setting” for “the accountable” is “lost” (Romans 3:23; 6:23)
- ✚ Salvation is an “intelligent response” to an “education process” (John 6:45; Mark 16:15-16)
- ✚ This means it is NOT POSSIBLE for someone to be saved without knowing it!
- ✚ *Therefore, NO ONE is going to Heaven by accident! We “decide” to go!* (John 3:16)

What can doubts about being saved do us?

- ✚ In the context of salvation as a response to teaching, “doubt” is a manifestation of **disbelief**
- ✚ Since salvation is based on “faith,” then to doubt (weak faith) is to endanger salvation (1 John 3:19-21)
- ✚ Stated another way, your salvation is as strong as your faith (which comes by hearing, Romans 10:17)
- ✚ Therefore, if you have any doubts, then you need to strengthen your faith (Mark 9:23-24)

If we all sin, and sin keeps us from heaven, what if we sin and don't know it?

- ✚ Being fallible humans, *it is entirely possible to sin and not know it!* (1 Timothy 1:12-13)
- ✚ Like David, we should pray for “understanding” AND “cleansing” (Psalms 19:12)
- ✚ But we must remember that salvation is NOT based on perfection, but *faithfulness!*
- ✚ God has “built into” His plan a provision for the imperfections of the faithful (1 John 1:8-9)

Is the phrase, “hope of heaven,” proper terminology?

- ✚ Yes, the phrase, “hope of Heaven,” is acceptable (Colossians 1:5)
- ✚ *Why?* Precisely because salvation is conditional (2 Peter 1:5-11)
- ✚ Hence, if the conditions are not met, we WILL fail (1 Corinthians 10:12)
- ✚ That is why we are told to “*make your calling and election sure*”

-Lanny Smith

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