

I KNOW THAT I AM SAVED

1 John 5:1-13 (August 18, 2024)

This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. 6 This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. 7 For there are three that testify: 8 the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. 9 We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. 10 Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. 11 And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

1. I CAN KNOW THAT I AM SAVED.

13 I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life. 1 John 5:13

2. IT IS POSSIBLE TO HAVE DOUBTS EVEN AFTER BEING SAVED.

13 I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life. 1 John 5:13

3. ASSURANCE OF SALVATION BEGINS WITH THE NAME OF THE SON OF GOD.

1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. 1 John 5:1

5 Jesus replied, "I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. 6 Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. 7 So don't be surprised when I say, 'You must be born again.'" John 3:5-7

(1) In a birth, a conception takes place; (2) In a birth, a continuation is involved; (3) In a birth, a character is produced; (4) In a birth, a completion transpires; (5) In a birth a commencement occurs; (6) In a birth a certainty is expected.

4. OUR PART IN THE NEW BIRTH IS TO BELIEVE.

(1) Faith - Forsaking All I Trust Him

1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has become a child of God. And everyone who loves the Father loves his children, too. 1 John 5:1

8 God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. 9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. Ephesians 2:8-9

(Grace - God's Riches at Christ's Expense)

8 God saved you by his grace when you believed... Ephesians 2:8a

(2) Faith is confidence.

19 You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. James 2:19

5. THE BIRTHMARKS OF THE BELIEVER

(1) The Commandment Test

3 And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. 4 If someone claims, "I know God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. 5 But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. 6 Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did. 1 John 2:3-6

(Obedience – keeping the star)

6 Anyone who continues to live in him will not sin. But anyone who keeps on sinning does not know him or understand who he is. 1 John 3:6

8 But when people keep on sinning, it shows that they belong to the devil, who has been sinning since the beginning. But the Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil. 9 Those who have been born into God's family do not make a practice of sinning, because God's life is in them. So they can't keep on sinning, because they are children of God. 1 John 3:8-9

(2) The Companion Test

14 If we love our brothers and sisters who are believers, it proves that we have passed from death to life. But a person who has no love is still dead. 15 Anyone who hates another brother or sister is really a murderer at heart. And you know that murderers don't have eternal life within them. 1 John 3:14-15

35 Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples. John 13:35

(3) The Confidence Test

10 All who believe in the Son of God know in their hearts that this testimony is true. Those who don't believe this are actually calling God a liar because they don't believe what God has testified about his Son. 1 John 5:10

* Faith is always present tense!

* The Witness of the Spirit: ...has the witness in himself... 1 John 5:10 (NKJV)

* The Witness of the Word: ...those who listen to my message and believe God... 1 John 5:11-13

* Our spiritual birth certificate: 24 I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life. John 5:24

Questions for discussion

1. What are some of the doubts you've felt or experienced as you've thought about the certainty of your salvation? Where do these doubts tend to lead you? What harm have they caused, and what might you be missing by not feeling free to let them go?
2. What are some of the faulty beliefs about the nature of God and His grace that you brought with you from your earliest teachings or feelings about Him? How has His Word challenged and transformed your grasp of who He is and why He loves you?
3. What have been some of your biggest areas of disillusionment with the church? What seems like the best way to respond to these? Why might we expect the church to contain some of the same kinds of conflict and difficulty we experience in other relationships?
4. Why do you think God may have led you into saving relationship with Him in a different way than He chose to lead others? Could most of the questions about your salvation simply be distractions keeping you from enjoying the freedom of abundant life?

I AM INTERESTED IN TAKING A CLASS FOR MY SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

- Membership 101
- Maturity 201
- Ministry 301
- Mission/Evangelism 401

OTHER CLASSES

- Foundations for basic Christian doctrines
- Fresh Start for starting my faith in Christ
- How to do daily Quiet Time with God

NEED TO TALK TO A PASTOR?

- I would like to talk with a pastor to understand the biblical view on a subject.
- I would like to know what it means to be a member of MBF (NVCCC)

ANY OTHER QUESTION? LET US KNOW, PLEASE.
