

Can We Be Sure?

Bible Study – Based on Navigator Study “Clarifying Your Commitment”

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Read and reflect on Romans 5:1-2 and 1 John 3:1-3. What confidence did the apostles have both for themselves and for their hearers? What hope do these passages offer you. What is this hope intended to inspire in us?

Read and reflect on the promises given by Jesus in these verses/passages: John 5:24; 6:37-40; 10:27-30. What key words and phrases jump out for you? To what degree can we trust these promises? Why? What are these promises contingent upon? Can these promises strengthen your assurance of your salvation? How?

Read and reflect on Romans 5:6-11. What has God done to guarantee our salvation according to this passage? Why did He do all this? What gifts come with that salvation? In light of this, can we be confident of our salvation? How? Why?

Read and reflect on Hebrews 10:11-23. What does this passage promise us? What major reason do we have for being assured of our salvation, according to verses 11-14? What further explanation is given in verses 15-18? What other assurances are offered in this passage? What does this confidence enable us to do, according to verse 22? Why is this significant?

Read and reflect on Romans 8:28-39. What does this passage tell about God's plan and intention for His children? How can this strengthen our assurance of salvation? What does this passage tell us about God's attitude toward us? How can this knowledge deepen our assurance? What do you think it means to be "more than conquerors"? How is this possible according to this passage? Are you experiencing that in your life right now? If not, what might help?

Read and reflect on 1 Corinthians 1:8-9; Ephesians 1:13-14; Romans 8:15-16. What hope do these verses offer? How/Why? Are you holding on to the truths shared in these passages? Why? Why not? What new experiences have come in living out these truths? What does it mean to have the Holy Spirit as a seal or guarantee of your salvation? Does it strengthen your hope/assurance?

Read and reflect on 1 John 1:8-2:6. What should be evident in the lives of genuine Christians according to this passage? Why? What is to be done when sin enters the life of the believer? Why? Reflect on the many comparisons offered throughout this passage. In what ways might they help you 'stay on track' with your salvation? In what ways can they serve as a 'wake up' in times when you are drifting in your faith and in your assurance of salvation?

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Memorize John 5:24:

"I tell you the truth, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life!"

