



Eternally Saved
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How Can I be Sure of My Salvation?

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Admit I’m a sinner and cannot do anything to save myself.

Romans 3:23 (NLT)

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.

Romans 1:20 (NLT)

For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.

1 John 1:8 (ICB)

If we say that we have no sin, we are fooling ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

2

Receive the gift of salvation by believing Jesus died for all my sins (past, present, and future).

John 3:16 (TPT)

For here is the way God loved the world—he gave his only, unique Son as a gift. So now everyone who believes in him will never perish but experience everlasting life.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (TPT)

For by grace you have been saved by faith. Nothing you did could ever earn this salvation, for it was the love gift from God that brought us to Christ! So no one will ever be able to boast, for salvation is never a reward for good works or human striving.

3

Evaluate whether my love and affections have changed.

Colossians 3:12 (TPT)

You are always and dearly loved by God! So robe yourself with virtues of God, since you have been divinely chosen to be holy. Be merciful as you endeavor to understand others, and be compassionate, showing kindness toward all. Be gentle and humble, unoffendable in your patience with others.

Evidence of Change:

- I love differently, though not perfectly.
- I am not offended by the things I used to be.

Love is the first evidence of my transformed heart.

4

Embrace the new humility that comes by the wonder of God's unparalleled and undeserved grace.

2 Corinthians 3:5-6 (TPT)

Yet we don't see ourselves as capable enough to do anything in our own strength, for our true competence flows from God's empowering presence. He alone makes us adequate ministers who are focused on an entirely new covenant. Our ministry is not based on the letter of the law but through the power of the Spirit. The letter of the law kills, but the Spirit pours out life.

Humility is the second evidence that I understand who God is and what He has done for me.

Romans 7:18 (NLT)

And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't.

Romans 7:24-25 (NLT)

Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin.

Romans 8:1 (NLT)

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.

- **Before I was saved, I didn't know what sin was.**
- **My struggle should drive me back to the grace that saved me.**

1 Corinthians 3:10-15 (NLT)

Because of God's grace to me, I have laid the foundation like an expert builder. Now others are building on it. But whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ. Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials—gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value. If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames.



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