

Ashland Church of Christ 2007
Spreading the Good News

“GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS...” (MATTHEW 28:10)

First Things First — Salvation

Can I Know I am Saved?

Text: 1John 1:5-2:2

Key Text: *1John 1:7, “But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”*

Introduction:

- 1) “May” verses “can.”
- 2) Assurance is a current concern in the religious world as we know it today.
- 3) In the church, many times, the emphasis is not placed on the topic of assurance.
- 4) The Bible teaches that we can know we are saved: 1John 1:5-2:2.

I. The attributes of God.

- A. Light (righteousness) is opposed to darkness (sin).
- B. God is light. It is not a characteristic that He has but what He is.
- C. God desires our fellowship but only on His terms (1John 1:6).
- D. Therefore, He mentions His terms in verse 6.

E. Walking in this text is the idea of living and denotes continuous action.

II. The assurance of God.

A. We can (have the choice) walk in light or darkness.

B. To remain saved is conditional (notice the use of the word ‘if’).

C. Since, we all have sin, then we must all meet the conditions to take care of our sin.

D. Assurance comes through acceptance and correction.

E. If we do not comply, it affects God Himself (1John 1:10).

III. The aim of God.

A. Assurance is not a license to sin.

B. However, since we are all human, we will sin.

C. When this happens, we can continue to have assurance (1John 2:1).

D. Propitiation — mercy seat.

E. Thus, Christ becomes our assurance of our own salvation (1John 2:2).

Conclusion:

1) Can I know I am saved? Yes! Yes! Yes!

2) So why are so many Christians in doubt?

a) Misunderstanding.

b) Personal bias.

c) Lack of genuine faith.

d) No encouragement.

3) The question becomes personal: Are you assured of your own salvation?

4) If you are not, you cannot spread the good news.

5) If you are, then use your confidence to further the cause of Christ.