

# Lesson Three ~ Assurance

## “Why Do I Doubt?”

Many new Christians are stunned because shortly after they are saved, doubts about their decision for Christ arise in their minds. Let me assure you that doubts are common to all. There is an enemy who will put all the doubts into your mind that he possibly can. His name is Satan.

*Your next question is, “Why do I have these doubts?” Actually, doubts are good for you because they cause you to get into the Word of God in order to find assurance of your salvation. Your salvation is a fact guaranteed by God’s Word.*

### **I. On The Question of Doubts**

Answering the following questions will help you to know for sure you are saved.

- 1) According to *1 Peter 5:8*, what does Satan want to do to you as a Christian?

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- 2) What animal is Satan compared to in *1 Peter 5:8*?

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- 3) Remember, Satan is your adversary (opponent), and you must fight the doubts he puts into your mind. How do you fight Satan according to

*1 Peter 5:9*?

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*On the Question of Doubts (continued)*

4) To resist Satan, we must put on the armor of God. Below, list the armor that God gives us in *Ephesians 6:10-18*.

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5) To resist Satan, you must learn to rid yourself of the doubts Satan puts in your mind. Refuse to dwell on these doubts. How can we do this

*(II Corinthians 10:4-5)?*

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**II. How Saved Am I?**

1) What kind of life did you receive when you accepted Christ (*John 3:16*)?

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2) At the moment of salvation, you became one of God’s sheep. Can anyone take you away from God (*John 10:28-29*)? \_\_\_\_\_

3) List the things that cannot separate you from the love of Christ

*(Romans 8:38-39).* \_\_\_\_\_

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4) What protects you according to *I peter 1:5*? \_\_\_\_\_

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5) Your salvation does not depend upon feelings. Feelings change, but God and His Word never change. Salvation is a fact not a feeling. *II Timothy 1:12* says that God is able to keep you. Leave the keeping of your salvation up to God, not up to how you feel.

**III. HOW CAN I KNOW FOR SURE I’M SAVED?**

1) How can you be sure that you know God (*1 John 2:3-5*)?

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2) You know you are saved because you love to be with God’s people. The reason you feel that way is because you are now a part of God’s family. What does *1 John 3:14* teach us?

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3) When you were saved, the Spirit of God miraculously entered to live inside you. When you accepted Christ, you accepted His Spirit. What does *1 John 3:24* tell you about knowing that Christ lives within you?

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4) According to *1 John 5:13*, God has written the Word of God so that you would know what?

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5) Take a few moments and in this space record how you were saved. If you remember that exact date, include it. Every time Satan brings doubts in your mind, re-read what you have written.

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**Key Memory Verses:**

*1 John 5:11-13; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 John 2:25*

**Note: In many churches today, some popular teachings are:**

1. We must work to keep our salvation.
2. If we sin after we are born again, we can lose our salvation.
3. God punishes his children according to His own whim and pleasure.

From the Bible principles taught in this lesson, you should understand that these attitudes are wrong, and why.

**Write any questions you may have concerning the subjects in this lesson.**