

Blessed Assurance

INTRODUCTION:

- A. We like assurances don't we.
- B. Just consider all the ways we look for assurance before we do certain things.
- C. When it comes to our Christian life and the hope of heaven, we want assurance (Matt. 19:16-22).

GOD WANTS US TO BE ASSURED OF OUR SALVATION (I Jn. 5:13).

- A. The Hebrew writer talked about how we could have full assurance of hope (Heb. 6:19-20).
- B. The great apostle Paul knew of his salvation and had assurance (2 Tim. 4:6-8).
- C. Jesus didn't die so that we could think we were going to heaven; Jesus died so we could know we were going to heaven.

TYPES OF ASSURANCE WE CAN HAVE

- A. No assurance – a person has never obeyed the Gospel and had their sins washed away (Jn. 14:6; Gal. 3:27).
- B. False assurance – a person has obeyed the Gospel but they are only going through the motions when it comes to Christian living (Matt. 22:37-38; Matt. 7:21-23).
- C. Insecure assurance – a person has obeyed the gospel and are in a right relationship with God, but they are fearful they will be eternally lost (Acts 2:38; Psa. 103:12).
- D. Godly assurance – a person has obeyed the Gospel and know they are in a right relationship with God that will result in everlasting life because they have surrendered their lives to Him (2 Cor. 7:10; Mk. 14:35-36).

CONCLUSION:

- A. The young man stood before Jesus with the opportunity to do what was necessary to have assurance.
- B. We all have an opportunity right now to do whatever is necessary to ensure we have the blessed assurance of salvation.
- C. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins..." (I Jn. 1:9).