

# HOW CAN I KNOW THAT I'M SAVED?

## EXAMINING ASSURANCE AND SALVATION

### Two Truths...

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  - Assurance gives us the (1) \_\_\_\_\_ and (2) \_\_\_\_\_ we need to live boldly for Christ.
- There are many people who truly believe they are saved, but are \_\_\_\_\_. (Mt. 7:21-23)
  - “I am a good person.”
  - “God has blessed me with so much.”
  - “I said the sinner’s prayer.”

### Two Points of Confusion...

- We’re not saved forever by a moment of \_\_\_\_\_. We’re saved in a moment by a faith that lasts \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ~~“Once saved always saved. Once saved forever following.”~~
- It’s not the \_\_\_\_\_ of your faith, but the \_\_\_\_\_ of your faith that actually saves you.<sup>1</sup> (Ex. 12)

### A Picture of Assurance...

- Where there is *currently* a posture of repentance and faith in Jesus, there may be assurance of \_\_\_\_\_. <sup>2</sup> (Col. 1:21-23)

### Testing for Assurance: 6 Questions

- (1) Do You have \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ? (Lk. 12:32)
- (2) Do you obey God’s \_\_\_\_\_? (1 Jn. 2:3-6, 5:3)
- (3) Do you \_\_\_\_\_ your sin? (Rom. 7:15-19)
- (4) Do you love God’s \_\_\_\_\_? (Ps. 19:7-10)
- (5) Do you love Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_? (1 Jn. 3:14)
- (6) Do Christ’s people \_\_\_\_\_ your faith? (1 Cor. 5:12)

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- (4) Do you love God’s Word? (Ps. 19:7-10)
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- (6) Do Christ’s people affirm your faith? (1 Cor. 5:12)

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