

Who Should Question His Salvation?

Satan torments some Christians--continually having them question their salvation and security in the Lord. If one is a true blue Christian interested in putting away sin and living in a right relationship with the Lord (1 Pet. 1:22), he need not continually question his security in him (Jn 10:28, 1 Jn 3:14). No one is able to snatch such a person out of out of God's hand (Jn 10:29). It is important to know that we are secure in him because we've got kingdom work to do after regeneration (Mk 16:15, Tit 3:5). We want to be productive workers (2 Ti 2:15).

With that said, there are some instances when professing Christians have good reason to question their salvation before the Lord. Men are justified by faith in Christ (Ac 4:12, Ro 3:26, 27). It is his blood (Ro 5:9), his resurrection (Ro 4:25) and his righteousness (Ro. 10:4) that saves. We should examine ourselves to be sure that we are in the faith (2 Co 13:5).

How can one know with certainty that he has passed from death to life? In short, his love for the brethren will be the greatest indicator of this. If one does not have a love for his brothers and sisters in the faith, then he is not saved (1 Jn 3:14). If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, the bible says he is a liar (1 Jn 4:20). He who does not love does not know God, for God is love (1 Jn 4:7-8).

Another clue as to the genuineness of one's profession of faith is the desire of his heart (Eze 36:26). If one desires what the devil would desire for him (2 Co 4:4), then he belongs to Satan not God (Jn 8:44). Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him (1 Jn 2:4).

The bible teaches that in the latter days some will depart from the faith (1 Ti 4:1). The lines are being drawn (Jos 24:15). Jesus came to divide not to unite (Mt 10:35-36). The apostle John wrote: They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us (1 Jn 2:19). There will be a falling away in the last days (2 Thess 2:3).

When one hears the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ, he should respond with gladness as did Abraham (Jn 8:56). If one receives the Word with joy, he is headed in the right direction (Jas 1:21).

Consider the following verses:

For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall

away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame (Heb 6:4–6).

For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot (Heb 10:28-29).

For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire." 2 Pe 2:20–22.

I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit (Jn 15:5).

If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned (Jn 15:6).

But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away (Lk 8:12–13).

If you have been enlightened, walk in him (Col 2:6). If you have been grafted into the vine, abide in him (Jn 15:5). If you have heard his sayings, build your house on the rock (Mt. 7:24, 25).