

1 John 5:11-13, 2 Peter 1:5-10
"No Doubts About It"

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1. Introduction

- a. This is God's record (testimony)
 - God has given Christian eternal life
 - life is in God's Son Jesus Christ
 - Jesus Christ is the life-giver

- b. Whoever has the Son, has life
 - whoever does not have the Son, does not have life
 - Jesus is the living Word (Jn 1:1,4)

c. The record

- know that you have eternal life
- believe in the name of the Son of God

2. Salvation is a free gift

- a. Gift paid by Jesus on the cross
 - "It is finished." (payment in full) - Jn 19:30
 - sacrifice once for all - Heb 10:10

- b. But assurance (confidence) of salvation is in your hands
 - "you may know..."

3. Assurance of Salvation

- a. Salvation is like Israel being saved out of Egypt

- b. Assurance is like arriving at the Promised Land
 - entering into God's rest - Heb 4:3, 8-9, 11

- c. ~~CHRISTIAN~~ ^{CHRISTIAN} growth involves Christian adding particular virtues

- 2 Pet. 1:3-4

* God gives all things pertaining to life & godliness

* partakers of divine nature

* great & precious promises

* knowledge of Jesus

4. Making Christian Election Sure

- a. 2 Peter 1:10 be more diligent
- b. 2 Pet 1:5-7 add 7 virtues to faith
- c. 2 Pet 1:8 fruitful life if you have it
- d. 2 Pet 1:9 lacking? forgetting God's gift

5. Eternal Security

- a. Family proof - 1 Jn 1:12
- b. Grace proof - Eph 2:8-9
- c. Power proof - Jn 10:27 (in God's hand)
- d. Eternal proof - Jn 3:16
 - life now & forever in future

6. Assurance of Salvation (2 Pet 1:5-10)

- a. Adding to your house of faith
 - virtue: moral purity
 - * this tabernacle: your human body is temple of Holy Spirit
 - x 1 Cor 3:16-17, 6:18-20
 - Knowledge of Jesus Christ
 - * by Word of God
 - * by experience in Christian life
 - self control: everything in moderation (Philp 4:5) - temperance
 - ~~perseverance~~ perseverance (patience)
 - godliness - in Christ's character
 - brotherly kindness
 - love - agape = God's self sacrificing love (charity)
- b. Have & multiply these virtues
 - these will make you fruitful & useful in your Christian life
- c. Lacking these virtues leads to stumbling & blindness in Christian life
 - Christian forgets their forgiveness from old sins
 - + Christian forgets their spiritual cleansing from former sins
- d. Adding these virtues to Christian life
 - Christian will never stumble
 - making calling & election sure (no doubt) in your faith