

# Is assurance of salvation possible for me?

## 1 John 5:13

The doctrine of assurance was labeled as the greatest of all Protestant \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is assurance of salvation?

Assurance of salvation is the confidence that God's promises given in Christ are \_\_\_\_\_

2. Is assurance of salvation possible for a Christian, for me?

Yes! God \_\_\_\_\_ His people in His word to know that He is their God and that they are His people.

3. Is assurance necessary to be a Christian?

No. One can be a true saint and struggle with \_\_\_\_\_. While it is true that such a person has weak and little faith-weak and little faith in Christ is still enough to save.

4. Why is it so common for professing believers to not have assurance?

Some possible reasons: May be \_\_\_\_\_, attacks from the devil, unrepentant personal sin, weak faith, looking to much at others or self

5. Is there such a thing as false assurance?

Yes. Some people are presumptuous of the grace of God. However, presumption leads \_\_\_\_\_ to humility, confession of sin, love of God and others

6. How does one grow in assurance of faith?

By \_\_\_\_\_ more on Christ, by seeing the internal evidences of grace, and by the inward testimony of the Spirit

## Helpful quotes from:

### **“Knowing and Growing in Assurance of Faith”**

**Joel R. Beeke**

**“Assurance that does not lead to a more holy walk is false assurance.” (pg. 21)**

**“It is possible to be saved without assurance, but it is scarcely possible to be a healthy Christian without assurance.” (pg. 23)**

**“Self-examination is intended to promote assurance, not overthrow it.” (pg. 50)**

**“The lack of assurance ought to direct us to Scripture’s stress on the ministry of the Word, the Spirit, and the sacraments in cultivating assuring faith within the covenantal community of the living church.” (pg. 53)**

**“Assurance cannot be obtained apart from Christ...the essence of assurance is living in Christ.” (pg. 66)**

**“Assurance comes with holy fear and trembling, and humility and sober self-appraisal. Presumption shuts out godly fear, and comes with flattering self-comparison to other sinners,” (pg. 73)**

**“It is a more noble and excellent way to find assurance of faith by relying upon God’s promises in Christ outside of us than it is to come to assurance by being assured of the evidences of grace within us.” (pg. 77)**

**“Our assurance lies in the character of our faithful God, who manifests Himself in the unchangeable person and finished work of His Son.” (pg. 78)**

**“The more gracious then we perceive God to us, the more humiliation and debasement we find in ourselves.” (pg. 87)**