

True Assurance

1 John 5

Can a person really be sure of their salvation? Can we know, in this life, that we're truly saved and possess eternal life? God says that we can be sure, and He wants us to be sure.

I. God's provision

1. The **promises** of God

- God cannot lie (Titus 1:2; Heb. 6:18; Num. 23:19)
- God's Word is trustworthy (Ps. 119:160; Prov. 30:5)
- 1 John 5:11-12; 5:1; 2:23-25; Acts 16:31; Rom. 10:13; Col. 2:13-14;
John 5:24; 6:27; 10:9, 28; Heb. 7:25

2. The **power** from God (1 John 3:24; 4:4)

- The Holy Spirit seals us
 - 2 Cor. 1:21-22; Eph. 1:13-14; Rom. 8:16
- The Holy Spirit empowers us
 - Phil. 1:6; 2 Tim. 1:12; 1 Peter 1:5; Jude 1:24

II. Man's position

1. **Profession** of faith

- Acts 2:41; John 3:16, 36

2. **Presence** of fruit

- Fruit of the indwelling Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23)
 - L – **love** for the brethren (1 John 3:14-19; 2:9-11; 4:7-8)
 - O – **obedience** to the Lord (1 John 1:6-7; 2:3-6)
 - V – **victory** over the world (1 John 5:4-5)
 - E – **exercising** righteous living (1 John 2:29; 3:6-10)