Know You Are Saved – Be Confident!
(Don’t Be Afraid That You’ll Be Lost and Go To Hell)
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➢ Intro:
- Know You Are Saved – Be Confident!
  - Don’t be afraid you’ll be lost and go to hell! – Be confident you’re going to heaven!
  - if you stared death in the face today, be confident that you’re saved, have a home in heaven

➢ There’s no doubt Christians can sin, and be lost for eternity – shouldn’t be afraid of that fact
  - 1 Tim. 6:20-21 Christians in 1st century fell away (strayed from the faith), fact of life – not be afraid
  - Heb. 12:15-16 we can fall short of God’s grace – like Easu who sold his birthright for food – vs. 17
  - Gal. 5:3-4 Christians tried to be saved by keeping the Mosaic Law, severed from Christ, fallen from grace
    - illus.: Jn. 15, Jesus is the vine, we are the branches, unfruitful branches cut off and thrown into fire
  - Ja. 5:19-20 strayed from the truth, they were sinners who were spiritually dead, needed to be saved
  - can correct, be forgiven, be saved again

➢ You should be confident of your salvation – know saved, confident
  - 2 Tim. 4:7-8 confident in crown of life, Jesus award – picture
  - Phil. 3:12 laid hold of that which Jesus has already laid hold of for you – picture
  - Heb. 12:1-2 allegory: Jesus at the finish line waiting on you – picture
    - illus.: song, #4 Blessed Assurance - Jesus is mine
    - illus.: song, #485 I Know The Lord Will Make A Way - for me
  - 1 Pet. 1:3-4 inheritance reserved in heaven, imperishable, not fade away, living hope – certain, definite
  - Jude 1:24-25 God able to keep you from stumbling, make you stand – faithful = certainty of salvation
    - 2 Pet. 1:5-11 8 attributes – diligent, increasing, not stumble, abundant entrance into kingdom
  - Jn. 14:1-4, 6 Jesus prepared eternal abode for the saints, the way is Jesus, come again to receive us
    - illus.: song, #198 An Empty Mansion - There’s a mansion now empty just waiting for me
  - 1 Th. 4:14-18 comfort one another, these words – if not confident, not comforting

➢ end part one:
- We know we can sin and be lost eternally / we should be confident we are saved and going to heaven.
- How do we balance the two concepts? – know which side of the fence you are on
  - How do we know we are saved?
    - John explains in detail
      - 1 Jn. 5:13 “These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.”
  - next lesson: examination of First John – know that you are saved
  - inv.: you can know that you are saved today by obeying Jesus
- review Part I: review PP – We know we can sin and be lost eternally / we should be confident we are saved and going to heaven.

How can you know you’re saved, without any doubt? – know you are faithful, faithful enough for heaven
- note: 1 John sets forth “how” we know we are saved, and live as those who are humbly confident of their salvation – other Scriptures give info, but John more than the others – here are a few from 1 John
  - 1 Jn. 1:4; 5:13 complete joy = knowing you have eternal life

- You know you are saved, if you have fellowship with God and Jesus through the apostles.
  - 1 Jn. 1:3-4 fellowship with the apostles through the gospel, joy be complete (full) - rf. 1 Jn. 1:1-2
  - 1 Jn. 1:5-7 have fellowship with God and Jesus’ blood, through fellowship with apostles
  - obey the word of God delivered by the apostles
  - illus.: song, #326 Trust and Obey – know you’re saved, trust and obey

- You know you are saved, if you are confess your sins in prayer – Jesus’ blood cleanses you.
  - 1 Jn. 1:8-2:2 confessing your sins (prayer), Jesus’ blood cleanses, Jesus Advocate and propitiation
    - repent / confess to God in prayer / ask for forgiveness / confess to others who can help when helpful
    - forgiveness / God’s terms / know saved

- You know you are saved, if you don’t love the world. – you love God, therefore obey Him
  - 1 Jn. 2:15-17 love world = give into worldly lusts - eyes, flesh, pride of life
    - Jesus: can’t serve two master, else love one and hate the other – love God or world
    - illus.: song, #230 This World Is Not My Home – love God rather than world, know saved

- You know you are saved, if you’re not practicing sin – therefore you’re practicing righteousness
  - 1 Jn. 3:4-10 practice righteousness = saved / practice sin = lost
    - sins spoken of here denotes the continual abiding in sin as a manner of life, habitual practice rather than an honest mistake as in 1 Jn. 1:8-2:2
    - Matt. 7:21-23 they practice lawlessness (vs. 23)
    - Christians:
      - 2 Pet. 1:5-10 eight attributes, practice these things, never stumble (vs. 10)

- You know you are saved, if you love God and keep His commandments.
  - 1 Jn. 2:3-6 to know God is to keep His commandments from love
    - 2 Th. 1:8 (know God = obey gospel) “dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.”
  - 1 Jn. 5:3 “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.”
    - Jn. 15:10 (Jesus) “If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love. . . .”

- You know you are saved, if you love your brethren. – reflects your love and obedience toward God
  - 1 Jn. 2:9-11 love brother = know abide in the Light, saved
  - 1 Jn. 3:14-19 love brother = know passed from life unto death, saved – lay down life for brethren
  - 1 Jn. 4:7-9 love brother = know born of God, saved – God saves His children
  - 1 Jn. 4:19-21 love brother = know love God and obey His commands
The result of loving God – relating to knowing you are saved – apage

- 1 Jn. 4:17-18 confident in the day of judgment, love cast out fear
  - solution for uncertainty regarding salvation: love God as He commands

- 1 Jn. 5:1-3 know that you are a child of God – saved

- 1 Jn. 5:4-5 know you are born of God, have overcome the world, saved - faith is the victory

- 1 Jn. 5:13 know you have eternal life

- 1 Jn. 5:14-15 know God hears and answers your prayers, according to His will

Summary / Inv.

- know that you are saved – love God and obey

- confidence we have as Christians:
  - 1 Jn. 2:28-3:3 our confidence, when Jesus comes we shall be like Him, because purified ourselves

- inv.: be pure today, faithfully loving and obeying God, certain of your salvation