



Can I Really Know I'm Saved?

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1 John 2:3-6

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INTRODUCTION — The Great Imposter!

REVIEW — Let's remember what we learned in the last message ... 2:1-2

Jesus Defends Sinners

JOHN'S PURPOSE — To Reinforce Our DIRECTION In Life (v. 1)

"My little children I'm writing these things to you so that you may not sin."

JOHN'S PERSPECTIVE — To Reveal We Have A DEFENSE In Heaven (v. 2)

"And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, ... And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; ..."

LESSON — Can I Really Know I Am Saved? 2:3-6

I. THE QUESTION — Can We Really Know We Are Saved?

The Perspective — Distinguishing between security and assurance of salvation

- Security of salvation refers to the **FACTS** (objective truth outside of us).
- Assurance of salvation refers to our **FEELINGS** (subjective experience within us).

The Positions — How people deal with assurance of salvation

- It is often **DOWN-PLAYED** — This often gives **FALSE** assurance.

- It is often **DENIED** — This results in **NO** assurance.

The Promise — We can “know” we are saved

2 Peter 1:10

Hebrews 10:22

1 John 2:3 (cf. 5:13)

The Possibility — Why you may not have assurance of salvation

- You may not be **SAVED**.
- You may be **DISOBEYING** God.
- You may be under **ATTACK** by Satan.

Note: The challenging and hard sayings of Scripture are designed to give **COMFORT** to the disturbed, and to **DISTURB** the comfortable.

II. THE PASSAGE — How We Can Know We Are Saved (1 John 2:3-6)

The Terms — Understanding the verses

v. 3 — *“By this we **know** we have come to **know** Him, if we **keep** His commandments.”*
(cf. vs. 4, 5)

v. 4 — *“The one who **says**, ... and **does not keep** His commandments ...”*

v. 5 — *“But whoever ... in him **the love of God has truly been perfected.**”*

v. 6 — *“The one who **says** ... ought himself to **walk** in the same manner as He **walked.**”*

The Teaching — What we need to know

1. There is a basic level of assurance based on the **PROMISES** of salvation.
2. There is a deeper level of assurance based on the **PERSONAL** witness of the Holy Spirit in us.
3. There is the deepest level of assurance based on the **PATTERNS** of obedience by us.

Note: There can be no real assurance of salvation without **SANCTIFICATION**.