

I. God's Assurance

Introduction

If you died today, how sure are you that you have Eternal Life? Put a mark on the line below that reflects your answer.

Not Sure	Maybe	Absolutely Sure
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There are many people who have attended church for years who are still not absolutely certain. *Being sure you have Eternal Life* involves being certain of your **Decision** to trust in Jesus Christ as Savior! The following **Four Truths** explain this important decision.

Four Truths

1. God, Our Creator, Loves Us!

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16

- Circle the *word* that describes God's *attitude* toward us. (*John 3:16*)
- Underline the *phrase* that explains *how* God demonstrated His Love.
- Underline what we must *do* to obtain *Eternal life*.
- Circle to *whom* Eternal life is offered to.

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I (Jesus) have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

John 10:10

- Underline *why* Jesus said He came in *John 10:10*.
- Circle what *kind* of life He wants us to have.

2. Our Sin Has Separated Us From God!

"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"
Romans 3:23

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 6:23

- Circle how *many* people have sinned according to *Romans 3:23*.
- Underline the *result* of *sin* according to *Romans 3:23 & 6:23*.

God's Love

Love is translated from the Greek word **Agape** which describes a Love that is Spiritual more than Emotional. Where as emotional love is often self-centered, Agape Love values the thing loved, and seeks its best no matter the cost to the one loving it.

Spiritual Death

The penalty for our Sin is Death. This death is more than just our bodies dying; it is spiritual separation from God. At our physical death, this separation becomes eternal.

The separation between Sinful Man and God is so vast that, no matter how "good" we may be, we are powerless to bridge it. Doing so would be like swimming from Hawaii to Los Angeles, a distance of 2000 miles over open ocean. No matter how good a swimmer one might be, even the best will fail!



Romans 3:10-20

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3. Jesus Christ, God's Son, Died On the Cross for Our Sins!

*"Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6*

- Circle *three* things Jesus claims for Himself in *John 14:6*.
- Circle *who* is able to come to God *apart* from Christ.

*"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8*

- Underline *how* God has demonstrated His love for us in *Romans 5:8*.
- Circle what *condition* we were in when God loved us.

*"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance:
that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and
that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve.
After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers
at the same time, most of whom are still living,
though some have fallen asleep.
Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all
he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born."
1 Corinthians 15:3-6*

- Underline *four* things Christ did according to *1 Corinthians 15:3-6*.
- Circle *all* the people Christ appeared *alive* to after rising from the dead.

4. We Must Receive Jesus Christ As Savior and Lord!

*"Yet to all who received him,
to those who believed in his name,
he gave the right to become children of God"
John 1:12*

- Circle the *two* things we must do to become *Children of God (John 1:12)*

*"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith
and this not from yourselves,
it is the gift of God not by works,
so that no one can boast."
Ephesians 2:8-9*

- Circle *how* we are saved according to *Ephesians 2:8-9*.
- Underline *why* God chose to save us *through faith* instead of *by works*.


Receiving Christ

Have you personally received Jesus Christ as your Savior and trusted in Him to forgive your Sins? If not, *you would like to wouldn't you?* Pray the following prayer to make this all important decision **right now!**

"Dear Lord Jesus, I confess that I have sinned against You and need your forgiveness. Thank-You for dying on the cross in my place for my sins. I receive you into my life and trust in You alone as my Savior and God. In Your name I pray. Amen!"

MEMORIZE!


▶ What does Jesus mean when He claims to be "the Way"? "the Truth"? "the Life"?

 Acts 4:12
1 Timothy 2:5
1 John 5:11

▶ What is significant about God loving us *even before* we knew or even cared about Him?

Jesus Christ ~ God's Gift

God offers His Son, Jesus Christ, as payment for our sin. When Christ died on the cross, His death paid the penalty for our sin. This is why Eternal Life can only be found through Christ.

 2 Corinthians 5:15 & 21
Ephesians 1:7
1 Peter 3:18
Romans 10:9-10

▶ How do we know Christ rose from the dead?

▶ Do you think all of these people could have been mistaken?

MEMORIZE!

Receiving Christ

The phrase 'Receive Christ' is used to describe the act of believing in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and trusting in all He has done on the Cross to purchase our forgiveness.

MEMORIZE!

▶ Why do you think God has based Eternal Life on our *faith* rather than our *works*?

Important

It is not the words that are important but our *faith*. We must trust Christ to forgive our sins *because He promised He would*.

Assurance of Eternal Life

- Read the following Bible passage and answer the questions below to learn how you can be certain you have Eternal Life in Jesus Christ.

*“And this is the testimony:
God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.
He who has the Son has life;
he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.
I write these things to you who believe
in the name of the Son of God
so that you may know that you have eternal life.”*
1 John 5:11-13

- Circle what God has *given* to us according to 1 John 5:11-13.
- Underline *where* Eternal Life is found.
- Circle what a person *has* if he has Jesus Christ.
- Circle what a person does *not* have if he does not have Jesus Christ.
According to this passage, can a person *know for sure* he has Eternal Life?
 Yes **No**
- Underline this passage’s answer to this question.
- Circle *who* can ‘know’ they have Eternal Life.

Do you have Christ in *your* life? **Yes** **No**

If ‘*yes*’, what else did you receive from God?

- a Perfect Face and Body to Match.*
- Financial Riches*
- Eternal Life*

Application

We will close with the same question we began. **“If you died today, are you sure you have Eternal life?”**

***“I am absolutely sure I have Eternal Life
through Jesus Christ, God’s Son.
If I were to die today, I KNOW I will be in Heaven with God.”***

Date

Signature

(If you are still not sure you have Eternal Life, review 1 John 5:11-13 above.)

Discuss any questions you may have with your Pastor or Minister.

*It is important that you understand this Lesson
for it is the **foundation** of all the others!)*

MEMORIZE!

Basis for Our Assurance

Eternal Life is not based on how good we are, or how we feel. It is based on our faith in Jesus Christ. Notice that the teaching in 1 John 5:11-13 is written to those who “*believe in the Name of the Son of God!*”

- ▶ How does 1 John 5:14-15 relate to what is taught in 1 John 5:11-13?



Romans 1:16-17

Affirmation

- 1. Christ died on the cross for me.*
- 2. God will receive me in heaven when I die because He promised He would.*
- 3. I have Eternal Life because I have Christ!*

A Prayer

Father, I praise You for You have promised Eternal Life to all who believe in your Son Jesus Christ. And Your promises are sure for You cannot lie, nor do You change Your mind. You are Faithful in all Your ways, and I thank you for the assurance I have in Christ! Amen

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