



Assurance

“For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God” Romans 8:14

Opening Thought

During the crucifixion of Jesus, a criminal hung on a cross next to Him and said to Him, “Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” To which Jesus replied, “I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.” Imagine receiving that assurance about your salvation directly from Christ as He is in the flesh only feet away from you. I can’t imagine a Christian desiring anything more. The bible teaches us that we are to have assurance of our salvation just as that criminal did. Although we may receive our assurance differently, we receive it nonetheless.

QUESTION: Can Anyone Be Certain They Are Saved?

Yes; while not everyone that considers themselves to be a Christian will inherit His kingdom, those who are living in accordance with the Spirit of God shall know they have eternal life.

“I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know you have eternal life.” 1 John 5:13

QUESTION: How Do You Know If You Are Saved?

When a Christian’s life is led by the Spirit of God, that life bears fruit such as: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. A person who lives according to the Spirit of God and bears this fruit shall know they have eternal life.

Application

Every life bears fruit, good or bad. Examine and identify the fruit in your life. Continue the Holy Spirit’s transformation in your life so that the result of your life is the fruit of the Holy Spirit and not the fruit of your flesh.

Prayer

Close your gathering in prayer. Accept prayer requests from the group and include them in your prayer. Also, challenge your group to pray for each other. The following is a sample prayer you may use for guidance.

Father God, thank You for this day and for your message. We thank you for saving our souls. God help us live according to Your Spirit so that we bear good fruit. Allow us to have assurance of our salvation, just as the criminal on the cross did. We love you and thank you and in Jesus’ mighty name we pray, Amen.