



LEVEL 3

ASSURANCES



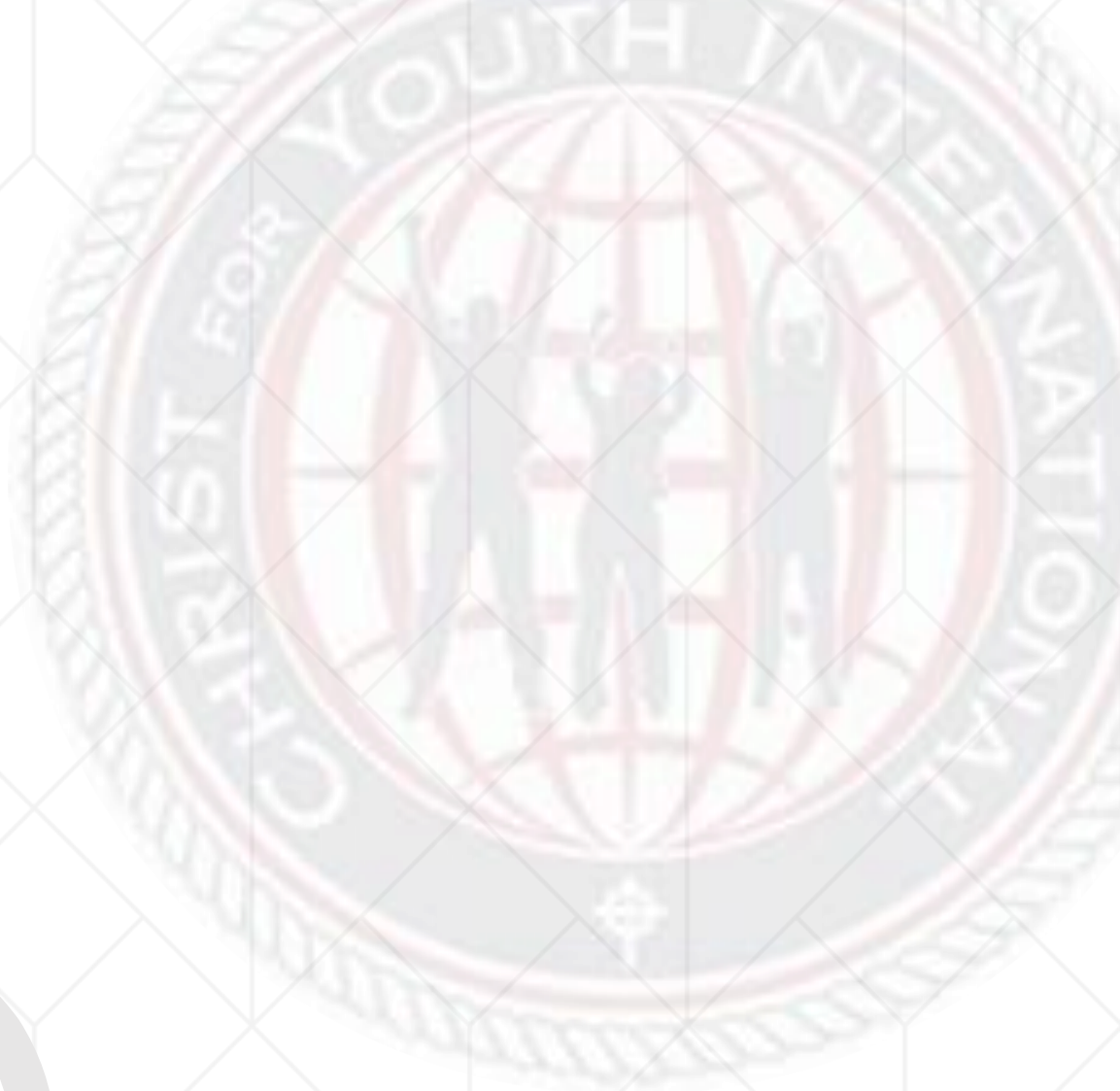
CLASS 1

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION



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We must be able to know absolutely that we are saved. We must be sure that we know this. We must be as sure as this more than being sure of any other thing in the world. We do not have to die before we know that we are saved. This assurance is for us today!



Three means by which we can have this assurance;

1. God Says So

Our first means of assurance is God's Word. We cannot fully trust what men say but we can trust what God says. Men can say something today and change their mind about what they said another time. We can however trust what God says at any time. The Bible is God's Word. When we want to know what God is saying concerning any issue, we must go to His Word. Bible says it is impossible for God to lie [Hebrews 6:18 | Numbers 23:19]. Whatever God says stands firm forever [Psalm 119:89]. God's Word is not vague. His word is clear. His Word does not contradict itself.



The Bible is God's Word to us today. The Bible is God's very Word inspired by Him [2 Tim 3:16]. We can take His Word, believe His Word and trust His Word. We can believe what God's Word says about salvation. The Bible says that the Way of Salvation is a Person, Jesus Christ [John 3:16 | John 14:6 | Acts 10:43 | Acts 16:31].

The Bible says; that whoever believes that Jesus Christ has risen from the dead and confesses with his mouth that Jesus is Lord is saved. Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. [Romans 10:9–13]

Have you done this? Have you believed in Christ and confessed openly that He is your Lord? Have you called on His name? If so, you are really saved. God says it, that settles it



2. The Holy Spirit Bears Witness

Not only do we have God's Word outside us telling us we are saved. We have a witness inside us, telling us the very same thing. What the Bible speaks to us from without, the Spirit confirms within [1 John 5:10]. Sometimes, after people receive Christ, they may not feel saved. However, if we look within the deepest part of us, we will find an assurance that we are the children of God. Deep down within anyone who is born again is an assurance that he/she is a child of God. This assurance goes beyond a feeling. It is a deep conviction [Romans 8:16].



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This assurance does not depend on anything external- it is eternal. This assurance does not depend on what others think about you or you even think about yourself. The Holy Spirit within you bears witness, "You are a child of God!" This voice is stronger than our feelings. This voice is stronger than what others think about us.



3. Our Love for the Brothers is Proof!

A saved person has a unique love for others. He begins to care for others who he might not be related to biologically. A born again person desires to fellowship and enjoy Christ with others. This is a spontaneous result of being saved. This love is impartial – it even extends to those who are different [1 John 3:14].

NOTE: There are two groups of people; those who are saved and those who are perishing. There is not a third class of those who hope to be saved.



You Are a Child of God.

Once we were born again, we are born into the family of God. God is our father. He is not only our God but He is now our father. Because He is our father, He cares for us! He is interested in each of us individually; not just as a group, or a body or a church. He is interested in each of His children and loves each one of us with the same love. God is the creator of all mankind, but a man must be born again to become His child.

He is God to the world, but father to the new creation man. God is your very own father. You are His very own child and if He is your father, you can be assured He will take a father's place and perform a father's part. You can be certain that as your father He loves you, and will take care of you





CLASS 2

OVERCOMING TEMPTATIONS



ASSURANCE OF OVERCOMING TEMPTATIONS

[1 Corinthians 10:13]

As followers of Jesus, we must understand that temptations will come our way. We are in the world. Satan is the god of this world and he would make us yield to his schemes by tempting us in various ways.



A few things about temptations:

- The devil tempted Jesus and Jesus overcame him. The fact the Jesus overcame the devil when tempted is a sign that we can also overcome the devil.
- Although God does not tempt us to sin [James 1:14-16], He allows temptations to come our way so our faith will be built.
- The temptations we face are common to man. Other people face the same kind of temptations. You are not the only one facing such temptations.



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- God will not allow any temptation which you cannot face to come your way. God knows what we can handle and so He will not permit that which is beyond us to come our way.
- God will always make a way of escape for you when you are tempted. God will not leave you when you face any kind of temptation. [Hebrews 13:5]- He will always be with us and strengthen us to overcome any kind of temptation.



[Galatians 5:16]

A spiritual life ensures that we walk in victory over the temptations that come our way. The temptations that come our way usually appeal to a certain desire inside of us.

Practical Ways of Walking in the Spirit include the Following:

- A life of accountability
- Fellowship with other believers
- Daily quiet time
- Consistent prayer life





CLASS 3

ANSWERED PRAYER



ASSURANCE OF ANSWERED PRAYER

As followers of Jesus, we must know that God answers prayers.

- Prayer builds intimacy between a believer of God
- Through prayer, we are also able to pray God's will for our lives and others (Colossians 4:12). The way we please God is by living according to His will.
- Prayer is a sign of faith. Anyone who prays is a faith person. Prayer is putting absolute trust in God and not man (Hebrews 11:6).
- Prayer brings deliverance.



The word of God assures us of answered prayer. Many verses point us to the fact that, once we pray according to God's will, we will have answers to those prayers.

Discussion: what do these verses say about answered prayers and how can we apply them to our lives?

[John 15:7 | 1 John 5:14-15 | Psalm 66:19 | Mark 11:24 | Psalm 116:1 | Matthew 7:7 | Philippians 4:6]





CLASS 4

FORGIVENESS OF SIN



ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS OF SIN

[1 John 1:9].

In our journey of becoming like Christ, we may fall into sin. Sin always breaks fellowship and God wants us to be in consistent fellowship with Him. Sin also breaks fellowship with other believers. Sin also brings guilt. Sin will make one doubt God's love for the person. But God in His Word assures us that, our sins can be forgiven if we pray and ask for forgiveness.

A life of sin also does not glorify God. We are the light of the world and so everything we do must reflect the nature of God. Because sin brings guilt and shame, one might be tempted to run away from God.



A life of sin gives the devil the chance to attack a believer because he is out of fellowship with God. God is however a God of love. Once a believer has sinned, he just has to repent and confess his sin to God.

1 John 1:9 assures a believer that, God who is faithful will surely forgive him of his sin.

Proverbs 28:13 - One must not cover or hide a sin but rather confess and forsake them. This is when one encounters the mercy of God.



Psalm 130:4 - There is forgiveness with God. One can always find forgiveness once he goes to God in prayer.

Luke 15:11–24 - After the prodigal has walked away from his home and virtually destroyed his life, he decided to go home. He was received by his father despite his wrongdoing. God will receive someone who has messed up but decides to come back to God.



We must remember that our confession is made to God. God forgives us at once. God does not postpone forgiveness when we pray and confess our sins. We must remember that telling someone about sin is not the same as confessing your sin to God. Do not assume that God knows everything and so He knows about what you have done and there is, therefore, no need to confess.





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