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Introduction: Is it possible to know with absolute certainty that you are going to heaven one day? While the majority of people would answer “No,” the Word of God tells us differently. Today we are going to look at five key words that will help you settle the question of your eternal destiny.

Hebrews 10:22 “Let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.”

2 Peter 1:10 “Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble;”

1 John 5:13 “These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life.”

I. **Know**

Four Sources of Doubt About Salvation

A. **Conviction** by the Holy Spirit

John 16:8 “And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment;”

B. **Contradiction** in Lifestyle

Galatians 5:19-21 “¹⁹ Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envying, drunkenness, carousings, and things like these, of which I forewarn you just as I have forewarned you that those who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”

C. **Confusion** about Salvation

1 John 4:10 “In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”

D. **Condemnation** by Satan

Ephesians 6:17 “And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

1 John 2:5 “But whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him:”

1 John 2:20-21 “²⁰ But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know. ²¹ I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it, and because no lie is of the truth.”

1 John 3:2 “Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is.”

1 John 4:13 “By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.”

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1 John 5:18-20 “¹⁸We know that no one who is born of God sins; but He who was born of God keeps him and the evil one does not touch him. ¹⁹We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. ²⁰And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding, in order that we might know Him who is true, and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.”

II. **Written**

2 Peter 1:16-18 “¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. ¹⁷For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an utterance as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory, “This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased” ¹⁸and we ourselves heard this utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.”

2 Peter 1:19-21 “¹⁹And so we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. ²⁰But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.”

III. **Believe**

Acts 16:31 “And they said, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your household.’”

John 11:25 “Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies,’”

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.”

John 3:14-16 “¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; ¹⁵that whoever believes may in Him have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.”

IV. **Son of God**

Acts 4:8-12 “⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, ‘Rulers and elders of the people, ⁹if we are on trial today for a benefit done to a sick man, as to how this man has been made well, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by this name this man stands here before you in good health. ¹¹He is the STONE WHICH WAS REJECTED by you, THE BUILDERS, but WHICH BECAME THE VERY CORNER stone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved.’”

1 John 1:7 “But if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.”

1 John 2:1-2 “¹My little children, I am writing these things to you that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.”

V. **Eternal Life**

John 10:10 “The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly.”

2 Corinthians 13:5 “Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test?”

2 Corinthians 12:20 “For I am afraid that perhaps when I come I may find you to be not what I wish and may be found by you to be not what you wish; that perhaps there may be strife, jealousy, angry tempers, disputes, slanders, gossip, arrogance, disturbances;”

James 2:14, 17 “¹⁴What use is it, my brethren, if a man says he has faith, but he has no works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁷Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.”

Conclusion