

HOW CAN I KNOW I AM SAVED?

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QUESTION: Sometimes I do not feel saved! How can I know I am saved?

ANSWER: Beloved, feelings can be deceiving! However, if you obey God's Word, you are right! There is no shame in being right (Rom. 1:16)! If you believe Jesus (John 8:24; Rom. 10:17, repent of your sins (Acts 2:38), confess Christ as Lord (Mt. 10:32, 33), and baptized for the remission of your sins (Acts 2:38), you are forgiven and saved (Acts 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:21).

The Lord adds you to His Church (Acts 3:47). ONLY those in Christ's Church will be saved (Rom. 15:24; Eph. 5:27). The Scriptures were given to grant assurance to the saved (Rom. 15:4). It is God's will that all be saved (1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Pet 3:9). Christ died for everyone (Heb. 2:9; 1 John 2:2) and saves the obedient (Heb. 5:9; Acts 4:12).

Are you an obedient of Christ's Church? John wrote, "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God" (1 John 5:13). Those "born again" [baptized] have a "living hope" (1 Pet. 1:3-5).

Hope means, "Expectation, assurance and confidence." You must remain faithful to the Lord (John 5:13). However, even the fallen can come home (Lk. 15:20), receive forgiveness (John 1:9) and the assurance of salvation (Rev. 3:5).

Therefore, if you do as the Word of God directs, there should be no doubt about eternal salvation. Cf. 1 John 2:3, 5; 3:14, 19, 24; 4:14. And God bless!