



Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

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Praise God for your prayers and support as we continue to broadcast God's Word through our sermons by means of radio, CD's, and the Internet. This would not be possible if it were not for you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Please pray as we continue to look for new opportunities through radio to share with the lost "Christ Died for You" and encourage believers that "You Died with Christ" and what all of this means for them. We see both of these most important truths very clearly in scripture. These are three of my favorite passages:

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

**Galatians 2:20** – *“I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.”*

**Colossians 3:1-3** – *“Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.”*

Often in ministry and discipleship to others, I sense an uneasiness in people. It seems to me that most people are not 100% certain of their salvation and their eternal destiny. My heart really goes out to them, but I am blessed that God uses me to help clear up their doubts. Being uncertain about anything can be very frustrating. But, for a Christian, nothing can compare with being frustrated over the uncertainty of whether you are saved or not. Most of the time, the reason we doubt our salvation is because we are either consciously or unconsciously basing our salvation on something we do, or on something we legalistically choose not to do. Many people walk away from churches every Sunday, not sure of their salvation. My friend, not being sure of your salvation affects every part of your life.

When you are not sure of your salvation, you will automatically try to do something to maintain what you only hope that you have. And this cycle of bondage will make you compare yourself with others and try to outdo them in church work, somehow trying to convince God, yourself, and others that you are saved and are living all-out for Him.



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**What is Salvation?** Salvation includes the total work of God in bringing people from condemnation to justification, from death to eternal life, from alienation to filiation, and all of the blessings that being in Christ brings both in this life and the life to come.

We read in **1 John 5:10-13** – *“The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself; the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning His Son. And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.”*

Now, one of the main reasons a person doubts their salvation is because of a besetting sin. A besetting sin is a particular sin that you are allowing to trip you up over and over again. This is different for many people. We do not all have the same struggles.

So, what should a Christian do when they know they’ve sinned? We are to confess our sin and turn away from it by relying on the power and control of the Holy Spirit, and move on in the Christian life, remembering, even this sin was crucified on the cross with Jesus, and so, the provision has already been made!

**1 Peter 3:18** – *“For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God ...”*

My friend, if you are saved, you are secure! You are in Christ and sealed there forever! Sometimes it is our damaged emotions and wrong teaching and thinking that causes us this unrest about our salvation.

If you would like to know more about this subject, I encourage you to write to us and we will send one of my most requested sermons, ***Eternally Secure and Forever Sure!***

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May God continue to bless you and make you a blessing to others!

Abiding above,



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