

# THAT YE MAY KNOW

## 1 JOHN 5:1-13

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Introduction:

I want to call attention this week to verse 14, the verse often used when leading someone to the assurance of their salvation.

It is possible for a person to doubt salvation.

(2 Peter 1:5-7) "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; {6} And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; {7} And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity."

(2 Peter 1:9) "But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins."

When you doubt, it doesn't mean that you are lost, it just means you lack assurance.

Illustration:

On the banks of the Caddo Lake near Louisiana border not far from the Marshall Texas is a little village named Uncertain. Imagine how confusing it is when a resident of this place visits in other lands. He is ask, "Where do you live?"

The fellow says, "Uncertain."

"You mean you're not certain where you live?"

"Yes I'm certain that I live in Uncertain."

A lot of Christians today are certain they live in uncertain.

Notice

## **1. THE CAUSE OF DOUBT**

A. Some doubt because they don't remember when they were saved.

Illustration:

Suppose I go to the bank to cash a check. You say to the teller I would like to cash this \$20.00 check. Then the teller says, “Well sir, do you remember the day and the hour you made your deposit?”

I say to her, “No I don’t remember the exact day.”

And then she says, “Well I’m sorry you don’t have any money in this bank.”

“What do you mean I don’t have any money in this bank?”

“Well you can’t remember when you made your deposit so you don’t have money here.

B. Others doubt because they didn’t have the same experience someone else had.

Illustrations:

Matthew was saved collecting taxes, while Paul was saved while walking or riding, while the woman got saved at the well getting water. We all don't have the same experiences in our salvations.

C. Others doubt because of their feelings.

Illustration:

Feelings come and feelings go,  
And feelings are deceiving.  
My warrant is the Word of God  
Naught else is worth believing.

Though my soul should feel condemned  
For want of some sweet token  
There is One greater than my heart  
Whose Word cannot be broken

I'll stand on His unchanging Word  
Till soul and body sever  
For though all things should pass away  
His Word shall stand forever.

1. Feelings fluctuate.

## **2. THE CONSEQUENCES OF DOUBT**

- A. No fullness of joy.

(1 John 5:13) "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

(1 John 1:4) "And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full."

Why was First John written? To give the Christian assurance of Salvation and fullness of joy.

B. Hinders service

Illustration:

During the first part of construction on the world's largest bridge in San Francisco, no safety devices were used; and twenty-three men fell to their deaths.

During the construction of the last part of that bridge, a safety net was constructed at the cost of \$100,000. At least ten men fell into the net and were saved. But the interesting thing is that the workers got 25% more done once they were assured they were safe.

C. We cannot win souls

Illustration: Fellow that was lost. Finds the little boy and ask him where he was and how to get to where he needed to be. Each question was answered by I don't know. Finally the man lost said, "Son you don't know anything do you?" The little boy responded, I know I'm not lost.

D. Don't actively fight against sin.

### **3. THE CURE FOR DOUBT**

A. The Word of God

(1 John 5:13) "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

1. How do you know that you are saved?

(1 John 5:13) "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

a. We have the written Word of God.

Illustration:

Any time we conduct business we want something in writing, and we have it in writing, the Word of God.

(John 3:36) "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

(Romans 10:13) "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

2. If you have doubts about your salvation at this moment, there are only two things

you can possibly doubt: either you  
doubt that you have trusted Him, or you  
doubt that He meant what He said.

Close:

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord  
It is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He hath said  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled.

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine  
Oh what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation purchase of God  
Born of His spirit, washed in His blood  
This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Saviour all the day long  
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