

Part 4: Jesus Our Redeemer

Lesson 4: Salvation's Assurance

Lesson Summary

True assurance of salvation begins with the **new birth**—being born again by the Spirit through repentance and faith in Christ (John 3:3–7). This spiritual birth creates a new nature (2 Cor. 5:17), secures our eternal status in God's family (Rev. 21:27), and begins a lifelong journey of growth. Salvation is not earned, maintained, or repeated—it is a once-for-all gift of God's grace (Eph. 2:8–9). Baptism is a command of Christ, not an option, serving as the outward testimony of inward transformation (Matt. 28:19–20). By immersion, it symbolizes death, burial, and resurrection with Christ (Rom. 6:4–7). Though baptism does not save, delayed obedience weakens assurance. Assurance itself rests not on feelings or works but on God's promises: eternal life to all who believe (John 3:16; Rom. 10:9–10; Eph. 1:13). Believers can walk in confidence, knowing they are sealed by the Spirit, secured by the Son, and loved by the Father.

Key Takeaways

- **New birth required:** Without being born again, no one can see God's kingdom (John 3:3–5).
- **New life given:** Believers receive the very life of Christ and a new nature (John 14:6; 2 Cor. 5:17).
- **New status secured:** Our names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life; we cannot be "unborn" (Rev. 21:27).
- **Baptism commanded:** A testimony of obedience, not a means of salvation (Matt. 28:19–20; Rom. 6:4–7).
- **Assurance rests in God's promise:** Whoever believes has eternal life (John 3:16; 1 John 5:13).
- **Salvation is complete:** Justification, adoption, and sealing by the Spirit assure us forever (Eph. 1:13–14).

Questions & Answers

1. **Q:** What is the foundation of true assurance?
A: Being born again by the Spirit through faith in Christ (John 3:3–7).
2. **Q:** How is the new birth described?
A: As receiving new life from above, a new nature, and a new standing with God (2 Cor. 5:17; Rev. 21:27).
3. **Q:** Why is baptism important for assurance?
A: It is a command of Christ, a public testimony of salvation, and a symbol of union with Him (Matt. 28:19–20; Rom. 6:4–7).
4. **Q:** Does baptism save us?
A: No—salvation is by grace through faith alone, but baptism confirms faith in obedience (Eph. 2:8–9).
5. **Q:** What is the believer's eternal security?
A: That we are sealed with the Spirit and promised eternal life in Christ (Eph. 1:13; John 10:28).

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6. **Q:** What key question should we ask ourselves?

A: “Have I been born again?” (John 3:3).

“Assurance rests not in our works or feelings, but in God’s promises—new birth by the Spirit, secured by Christ, and sealed forever by the Spirit.”