

Blessed Assurance

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*To Him who is able to keep you from falling
and to present you before His glorious presence
without fault and with great joy. Jude 24*

Do you know with certainty where you will spend eternity? Did you know that it is possible for you to know, without any doubt, where your final destination will be once you leave this life? If you have repented of your sins and surrendered your life to Jesus, you can have perfect peace in knowing you will spend eternity in the presence of God (Heaven).

How can we know this? Psalm 145:13 tells us *The Lord is faithful to all his promises*. Did you notice this verse uses the word “all”? God is faithful to all His promises and the Bible is full of God’s promises to His people. John 3:16 gives us the promise of eternal life. *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

I have heard people say “I think I am going to Heaven because I am a good person. My good deeds outweigh my bad.” The Bible says our good deeds will not get us into Heaven, even if 99.9% of our deeds are good and .1% or our deeds are bad. Our “good” will never be good enough. The Bible says we all have “bad” deeds called sin. Romans 3:23 makes it very clear, *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*. Romans 6:23 tells us what happens because of our sin. *The wages of sin is death*. Our sin separates us from God.

Because of our inability to reunite ourselves with God, Jesus stepped in to bridge the gap for us. He is the only one qualified to reunite us with a holy God because He is the only one who has lived a perfect life on earth as fully man and fully God. He willingly laid down his life as the perfect sacrifice for our sins so we could be reunited with God.

Have you repented of your sins and surrendered your life to Jesus? It is the only way for you to gain eternal life in Heaven with God.

Our verse this week says Jesus will present those who belong to Him before God without fault. Through belief in Jesus our sins are covered by His righteousness. God sees us as righteous because of Jesus, not because of any good deeds we have done. It is a great comfort to know my salvation is not based on what I do or don’t do for God. It takes the pressure off of me to be “perfect” (as if I could be). God sees me as perfect because of the blood of Christ.

The last part of this verse is equally as great. Jesus presents us before God not only without fault, but also with great joy. It gives Jesus great joy when we put our trust in Him. Isn’t that awesome? The creator of all creation loves us so much that He desires to spend eternity with us and He takes great joy in presenting us to God when we put our faith in Him. If you have surrendered your life to Christ, God promises you eternal life spent with Him. I hope this promise gives you great joy!

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