

"ASSURANCE OF SALVATION"

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Sometimes when a person is asked if they are "saved" they respond by saying various things, such as:

- 1) I hope so
- 2) I think so
- 3) I am trying to be

Some times a person will say that no one can say for certain that they are "saved" and really on their way to heaven. However, the **Scriptures do grant the truly saved person assurance of salvation and a reservation in heaven.** The Scriptures speak of being saved in at least three different tenses in the Greek language in which the New Testament was written. To explain this, note the following:

1) Mark 16:16 "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." (KJV)

2) Rom 10:9 "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." (KJV)

Now when do these Scriptures teach that one is saved? When the believer confesses Christ and is baptized, right? Thus, one is "saved" at a point (aorist tense).

3) Acts 2:47 "praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved." (NAS and NIV) Note- that these were in the process of "being saved" (present tense).

4) I Jn 2:25 "And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life." (KJV) This eternal life begins here, but is referred to numerously as "Heaven". Note - this is future tense, thus "one shall be saved". In heaven, one will be saved from; tears, death & all of it's hurts sorrows, crying, pain, etc. (Rev. 21:4)

This is the "true end" which one desires. Thus, one can scripturally say that, "I have been saved when I became a Christian (at a point). Now, I am being saved day by day by my Lord, as He walks through life with me (present tense). Last, but not least - When I reach heaven, I shall be saved eternally from all of the earthly trials (future tense).

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