

# God's Assurance

**If you died today, how sure are you that you have eternal life?**

❖ Put an **X** on the line below that reflects your answer.

NOT SURE		MAYBE		ABSOLUTELY

❖ Circle where you would like your mark if it is different than where you currently are.

Many people have attended church for years, yet they are still not absolutely certain.

- Being sure you have Eternal Life involves knowing without a doubt that you decided to trust Jesus Christ as your Savior.
- The following **Four Truths** explain this important decision.

## Four Truths

### 1. God, Our Creator, Loves Us!

*"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."*  
John 3:16, ESV



- ❖ Circle the **word** that describes God's **attitude** toward us.
- ❖ Underline how God demonstrated His love.
- ❖ Circle to **whom** "eternal life" is offered.
- ❖ Frame what we must **do** to obtain "eternal life."

**?** According to John 3:16, does God love you? ☐ Yes ☐ No

*"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I [Jesus] came that they may have life and have it abundantly."*

John 10:10, ESV

- ❖ Underline **two** reasons **why** Jesus said He came.
- ❖ Frame what kind of "life" Jesus wants us to have.

**?** Would you like to have this kind of life? ☐ Yes ☐ No

### 2. Our Sin Separated Us from God.

*"For the wages [payment] of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*  
Romans 6:23, NKJV



- ❖ Underline the consequence of sin.
- ❖ Circle the "gift of God."

*"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"*

Romans 3:23, ESV

- ❖ Circle how **many** people have sinned.
- ❖ Underline the result of sin.

**?** According to Romans 3:23, are you a sinner? ☐ Yes ☐ No

**?** According to Romans 6:23, do you deserve to die? ☐ Yes ☐ No

### The Five Second Gospel

1. God loves us.
2. We blew it.
3. Christ paid for it.
4. You must receive Him.

~ Judson Poling

"God loves **EACH** of us as if there were only **ONE** of us."

~ Augustine

### God's Love

In John 3:16, **love** is translated from the Greek word "Agape."

- ♥ It is *selfless, sacrificial* love.
- ♥ Agape love is unique from other types of love, which are often *self-centered*.

### SPIRITUAL DEATH

The penalty for **Sin** is **Death**.

- This death is more than just our bodies dying. It is spiritual separation from God.
- At our physical death, this separation becomes **eternal**.

**The separation** between God and Sinful Man is huge.

- We are unable to bridge it, no matter how "good" we are.
- It is as impossible as swimming from Hawaii to Los Angeles. Even the best swimmer is unable to swim 2000 miles over open ocean!

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**? How many sins does it take to be worthy of death?**

- ☐ 100 sins    ☐ 10 sins    ☐ 1 sin

The verse below has the answer.

*"For whoever keeps the whole law  
and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it."  
James 2:10, NIV*



❖ **Underline** what happens if we "*stumble at*" (fail to obey) just one part of God's law.  
Based on these verses, no one is able to perfectly keep God's law.

### 3. Jesus Christ, God's Son, Died on the Cross for Our Sins!

*"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through me.'"*

John 14:6, NIV

❖ **Underline three** things Jesus said He was.

- ✓ **The WAY:** **Jesus** is the only path for sinners to reach heaven.
- ✓ **The TRUTH:** **Jesus** fulfilled all the promises and prophecies about a Savior.
- ✓ **The LIFE:** **Jesus** is the source of Eternal Life for all who believe in Him.

❖ **Circle** who is able to come to God without Jesus.



- ◆ Our sin separated us from God.
- ◆ Christ's death on the cross paid the **penalty** for our sin.
- ◆ That is why eternal life can only be found through Christ.

*"But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners,  
Christ died for us."*

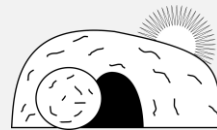
Romans 5:8, ESV

❖ **Circle** what *condition* we were in when God showed "*love for us*."  
❖ **Underline** how God showed His "*love for us*."



**? Do you believe Jesus died for you?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

*"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance:  
that **Christ** died for our sins according to the Scriptures,  
that He was buried,  
that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and  
that He **appeared** to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that,  
He **appeared** to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time,  
most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then  
He **appeared** to James, then to all the apostles."  
1 Corinthians 15:3-7, NIV*




❖ **Underline four** things Christ did.  
❖ **Circle** all the people Christ "*appeared to*" after rising from the dead.

**? Do you believe God raised Christ from the dead?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

"God must either **INFLECT** punishment or **ASSUME** it.  
And He chose the latter course, as honoring the law **while** saving the guilty.  
He took His own judgment."  
~ P. T. Forsyth

*"As it is written:  
There is **none** righteous,  
no, **not one**."  
~ Romans 3:10, NIV*

 Acts 4:12

*"For Christ also suffered  
once for sins, the righteous  
for the unrighteous,  
that He might  
**bring us to God**..."  
~ 1 Peter 3:18, ESV*

**? What is significant about  
God loving us before we even  
knew or cared about Him?**

*"In Him we have redemption  
through His blood,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
according to the riches  
of His grace."  
Ephesians 1:7, NKJV*

*"Only Christ could build a  
**bridge to God**  
with only two  
pieces of wood."  
~ Anonymous*



## 4. We must receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

*"If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,'  
and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."  
Romans 10:9, NIV*

❖ Underline *two* things we must do to be saved.

*"Yet to all who received Him,  
to those who believed in His name,  
He gave the right to become children of God."  
John 1:12, NIV*

❖ Underline *two* things we must do to "become children of God."

### **"Receiving Christ" Involves . . .**

- **believing** in Jesus Christ as your Lord (spiritual leader) and Savior.
- **trusting** in all He has done on the Cross to purchase your forgiveness.
- **repenting** of your sins and asking God to help you live in a way that pleases Him.

**?** Would you like to receive Christ into your life? ☐ Yes ☐ No

*"Not by works of righteousness which we have done,  
but according to His mercy He saved us...."  
Titus 3:5, NKJV*

❖ Frame how "He saved us."

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith.  
And this is not your own doing;  
it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."  
Ephesians 2:8-9, ESV*

❖ Circle how we are saved.

❖ Underline *why* God choose to save us through "faith" instead of "works."



### **"Satan's Greatest Success**

is in making people think they have plenty of time  
before they die to consider their eternal welfare."

~ John Owen

## Receiving Christ

**Have you personally received Jesus Christ as your Savior and trusted Him to forgive your sins?** If not, would you like to do that?



You can make this all-important decision now! Just pray something similar to this prayer.

*"Dear Jesus, I confess I have sinned against you and need your forgiveness.  
Thank you for dying on the cross in my place for my sins.  
I receive you into my life and trust in You alone as my Savior and Lord.  
Help me live in a way that pleases You. Amen!"*

It is not the words that are important, but our faith.

**We trust Christ will forgive our sins because He promised He would.**

*"For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."  
Romans 10:13, NKJV*

**?** What does **John 3:36** say is the way to have eternal life?

*"...Believe  
on the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and you will be saved...."*

Acts 16:31, NKJV

### **REPENT**

✝ Repent means you are sorry for doing wrong.

✝ Plus, you are willing to change your future actions.

✝ That is why Paul "...preached that they should **repent** and turn to God and demonstrate their **repentance** by their deeds."  
(Acts 26:20, NIV)

**?** Why do you think God has based eternal life on our faith rather than our works?

"He who created us  
**without our HELP,**  
will not save us  
**without our CONSENT."**  
~ Augustine

**Luke 15:7 & 15:10**  
describe the  
**"Joy in Heaven"** when  
one sinner repents!

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# Assurance of Eternal Life

*"Most assuredly, I [Jesus] say to you,  
he who believes in Me has everlasting life."  
John 6:47, NKJV*

## Eternal Life

❖ **Put a star before** the words "most assuredly."

Jesus wanted Christians to be **certain** about having Eternal Life!

*"And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life,  
and this life is in His Son [Jesus].*

*Whoever has the Son has life;  
whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.  
I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God  
that you may know that you have eternal life."*

1 John 5:11-13, ESV



- ❖ **Circle** what God gave us.
- ❖ **Underline** where "eternal life" is found.
- ❖ **Frame** what a person **has** if he has Jesus.
- ❖ **Frame** what a person does **not** have if he does not have Jesus.

**?** According to this passage, can a person know for sure he has Eternal Life?

☐ Yes ☐ No

❖ **Underline** this passage's answer to this question.

❖ **Circle** *who* can know they have "eternal life."

**?** Have you asked Christ to come into your life? ☐ Yes ☐ No

### ETERNAL LIFE

- ☐ **is not** based on how "good" we are or how we feel.
- ☐ **is** only based on our faith in Jesus Christ.

Notice that **1 John 5:11-13** is written to those who "believe in the name of the Son of God."

## APPLICATION

We will close with the same question we began with...

**If you died today, are you sure you have Eternal Life?**

*"I am absolutely sure I have Eternal Life  
through Jesus Christ, God's Son.*

*If I died today, I KNOW I would be in Heaven with God."*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

- If you are still not sure you have Eternal Life, review **1 John 5:11-13** above.
- **Discuss any additional questions with your Pastor or Bible study leader.**
- It is important to understand this lesson for it is the **foundation** of all the others!



We use  
**duct tape**  
to fix  
things.

**God used NAILS.**

~ Unknown

### BIBLE Example

The **Apostle Paul** is a great example of a Christian who was bold about his faith!

Paul said, **"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek."**

(Romans 1:16, NKJV)

"The only thing  
of our very own  
which we contribute  
to our salvation is the  
**SIN** which makes  
it necessary."

~ William Temple



John 10:28-29

### PRAYER

*Father, I praise You for  
promising eternal life to  
all who believe in Jesus!  
I'm grateful that You made  
a way for me to become  
Your child! Amen.*

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