

Steps to Confidence

How can I be sure I'm saved?

1. **Make up your mind.** As long as you look to your own weaknesses and failures you will find plenty of reasons to doubt that you are saved. But we are not saved by our “doing”—it is by our believing! Choose to believe what God’s Word says and stick with it. Since we are “saved by grace through faith,” the critical question is this: “Do I have saving faith?”

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2. **Do you believe in Jesus?** Jesus says that anyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. We are saved because of what Jesus did for us—not anything we can do. Faith is how we receive the salvation God wants us to have!

John 3:16

3. **But do I really have saving faith?** This is where many people get trapped by doubts. (If I really believed wouldn't I be doing better? Why don't I feel it more?) Let the truth set you free: Paul clearly tells us what “saving faith” is. It is being able to state out loud that “Jesus is Lord” and to believe in your heart that He was raised from the dead (for our sins).

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4. **Can I lose it?** Not if you keep calling on His Name! Don't risk letting your faith fade away over time—keep it “alive and well” by calling, asking, pleading for His help whenever you need help. The Lord promises to always save those who do.

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Prayer

Father, please forgive me for doubting that You love me. I keep looking at my failures and many weaknesses and just can't see how You can. But You say that You sent Jesus to the cross out of love for me. I cast down all doubt and fear and choose to believe that You are not lying to me! Thank You!

Jesus, please forgive me for doubting what You have done for me. You died on that cross for all of my sins—I know it! You have given me faith to believe it. Help me conquer my unbelief and live with confidence!

Holy Spirit, please come and help me take my stand once and for all on the truth—no matter what my feelings or other thoughts may be saying. I repent of looking to me (and how I'm doing) instead of to God's Word!



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