What is Assurance?

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Three Truths that give JOYFUL ASSURANCE ...

I. YOUR SALVATION IS _____.

A. God really did say, "You can _____!"

a) **1 JOHN 5:11-13** And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. [12] He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. [13] I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God **so that you may know that you have eternal life.**

b) **JOHN 5:24** I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me **has** eternal life and **will not be** condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

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Eternal life is not just a _____ hope. It is a present possession for everyone who truly believes in Jesus!

II. YOUR SALVATAION IS _____ IN FULL.

A. You've been purchased with Jesus' _____!

a) **REVELATION 5:9** & **ACTS 20:28**

Are you _____ by the blood of Jesus? (1 John 1:7)

B. Salvation cost Jesus _____, but it costs us nothing.

a) **GALATIANS 3:3** Are you so **foolish?** After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?

b) **EPHESIANS 2:8-9** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

c) **JOHN 19:30** "It is **finished**"

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Salvation is not a reward for what we do. It is a _____ because of what Jesus has done!

III. YOUR SALVATION IS _____!

A. You are in good _____. (JOHN 10:27-28)

B. No one can _____ you from God. (ROMANS 8:37-39)

C. The Holy Spirit is God's _____ and seal.

a) **EPHESIANS 1:13**, **EPHESIANS 4:30**, **2 COR 1:22** .**2 COR 5:5**

The more _____ the deposit, the more certain the return!

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Your salvation is not secured by how tightly YOU hold on to JESUS, but by how tightly _____ holds on to YOU!

IV. OUR SALVATION IS _____!

A. Three truths to remember: Your salvation is …

1. _____.
2. _____ _____.
3. _____.

Do you _____ to Jesus?

The Christian life is not about working hard enough to get into heaven. It is trusting the Savior who has done what we could _____ do.

Discussion Questions:

1. **Icebreaker:** What's something you've really looked forward to-a vacation, wedding, or special event? How did knowing it was coming affect your enjoyment of the days leading up to it?
2. **Read 1 John 5:11-13**. Why do you think so many Christians struggle with knowing for certain that they're saved?
3. **Read John 5:24.** What does Jesus mean when He says believers have already "crossed over from death to life"? Why is that important?
4. **Read Ephesians 2:8-10.** Why is it so easy to fall into the trap of trying to earn or maintain God's acceptance through good works?
5. **Read John 10:27-29.** What gives you greater confidence in your salvation-your ability to hold on to Jesus or His promise to hold on to you? Why?
6. **Read Ephesians 1:13-14.** How does knowing that God has given us the Holy Spirit as His guarantee strengthen our assurance?
7. **Personal Application**: How would having greater assurance of your salvation change the way you live TODAY? Think about your joy, peace, freedom, and relationship with God.