

Wisdom of the Bible ~ Assurance of Salvation ~ Discussion Questions

1. The Bible tells us there are nine things related to salvation (deliverance from sin) of which we can be sure. They are:

- A) _____ (2 Peter 1:10a)
- B) _____ (Romans 8:38-39)
- C) _____ (Romans 8:16)
- D) _____ (Philippians 1:6)
- E) _____ (Hebrews 6:11-12)
- F) _____ (Job 19:25-27a)
- G) _____ (1 John 3:2)
- H) _____ (2 Timothy 4:8)
- I) _____ (1 John 5:13)

2. How do we obtain assurance of our salvation?

- A) _____ (1 John 5:13 – see I above)
- B) _____ (John 3:16, 3:36, 6:39-40)

3. On what is our assurance of salvation founded?

- A) _____ (Ephesians 1:4-8, 1 Thess 1:4)
- B) _____ (John 6:39, 10:28-30)
- C) _____ (Romans 8:35-39)

4. What assures us of our salvation?

- A) _____ (Romans 8:14-16, Galatians 4:6)
- B) _____ (Acts 13:48, Romans 3:22a, 30,
Ephesians 2:8)
- C) _____ (Hebrews 6:11, 6:18-19a)
- D) _____ (Matthew 7:20, Galatians 5:19-24,
2 Peter 1:5-8, 1 John 3:10-14)

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1. “Salvation” and “save” come from the same root. In the Bible, “salvation” is sometimes used to mean something other than deliverance from sin, for example, A) to save or rescue from physical danger (Daniel 6:27, Matthew 8:25), B) to save or rescue from personal enemies (Psalm 18:3, 59:2), C) deliverance from political enemies (Exodus 14:13, Psalm 106:8-11), D) healing or relief from sickness (Mark 6:56, James 5:15). Most commonly, however, “salvation” and “saved” means deliverance from sin and that’s what we will focus on in the questions below.

2. Why do you think salvation is described in three different tenses?

A) The past: “have been saved” (Ephesians 2:8, 2 Timothy 1:9, Titus 3:5)

B) The present: “are being saved” (Acts 2:47, 1 Corinthians 1:18)

C) The future: “will be saved” (Romans 13:11, 1 Peter 1:5)

3. How do we receive salvation? A) It is a gift from God, B) Jesus earned it for us by his death on the cross, C) You can earn it yourself if you obey all of God’s commandments, D) It will come to you if you pray for it.

For (A), see Titus 2:11, Ephesians 2:8

For (B), see 1 John 4:9-10, 1 Peter 1:3

For (C), see 2 Timothy 1:9, Titus 3:5

For (D), see Psalm 85:7, Hebrews 5:7

4. Although some people think salvation is a totally free gift from God, in fact there are some requirements for salvation. You must:

A) Read the scriptures (2 Timothy 3:15)

B) Believe in Jesus Christ (John 3:16, Acts 16:30-31)

C) Repent of your sins (Isaiah 30:15, Acts 2:37-38, 2 Corinthians 7:10)

D) Accept salvation as a gift (Isaiah 55:1, Revelation 21:6)

E) Realize you can do nothing to earn salvation (see Q 3 above)

F) Give your all in response to salvation (Luke 14:33, Philippians 3:7-8)

5. Is the assurance of salvation compatible with:

A) Doubt _____ (Mark 9:23-24)

B) Sin in our life _____ (Galatians 6:1, 1 John 1:8-10)

C) Partial or incomplete understanding of God’s truth _____
(1 Corinthians 13:8-12)

6. For fun: Do you think the world will be a better place or a worse place 100 years from now?