



## EVIDENCES OF SALVATION

### INTRODUCTION

- A. Truth presents evidence and evidence confirms the truth. Salvation is truth and it presents evidence.
- B. Evidence is critical and indispensable to prove the existence of something. Say for instance, an offender goes to jail not because of the crime committed but because of the evidences presented against him. I am sure that no offender will go to jail if there is no evidence. Likewise, there is no salvation if there is no evidence. Salvation is a solid reality because it presents solid evidences.

### WHAT ARE THE EVIDENCES OF SALVATION?

#### I. THE WRITTEN EVIDENCE: The Word God

##### A. Eternal nature of Word

1. Isaiah 40:8 "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever."
2. Matthew 24:35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.
3. Matthew 5:18 I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

## **B. The eternal declaration from the Word.**

1. 1 John 5:11 And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup> He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life <sup>13</sup> I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know you have eternal life.
2. John 10:27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.
3. 2 Timothy 1:9 who has saved us and called us to a holy life – not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, <sup>10</sup> but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

C. I am sure that many people will disagree and argue against the written Evidence, but the choice lies within you. Should you believe what people say or what the Word of God says? Well, for me, my choice is obvious. I would rather believe the Word of God because God's word will not and will never fail.

## II. LISTENING ELEMENT: The eyewitness (Holy Spirit)

### A. Who is the Holy Spirit?

1. He is one of the persons in the Godhead. 1 John 5:27
2. He is God. Acts 5:3-4

### B. What does the Holy Spirit do in relation to Salvation?

1. He regenerates the dead spirit of a man back to life. Titus 3:5
2. He seals the believers. Ephesians 1:13
3. He bears witness that a believer is a child of God. Romans 8:14 because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry "Abba, Father." <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

## III. THE VISIBLE EVIDENCE: The fruit of Salvation.

**A. Inward transformation.** The change of heart. This is the starting point of a visible evidence. II Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

1. The new cravings of the Heart.
  - a. Craving for the presence of God (Worship).  
Psalm 42:1-2 As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?

b. Craving for food (God's Word). 1 Peter 2:2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk so that by it you may grow up in your salvation.

2. New experience of the heart.

a. Inner joy. Psalm 16:11 You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

b. Inner peace. John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid, (cf. John 16:33; Phil 4:6-7).

**B. Outward manifestation: The Change of Lifestyle.**

Manifestation of the fruit that will last – John 15:16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

**1. Inward Fruit – Character (Fruit of the Holy Spirit)**

Galatians 5:22-23

**2. Upward Fruit – Praise of Worship (1 Peter 2:4-5, 9)**

**3. Outward Fruit – Discipleship (Mathew 28:18-20 2 Timothy 2:2)**

**C. The presence of trials and temptations**

1. Inevitably of trials. John 15:18-21

2. Purpose of trials. 1 Peter 1:6-7

3. Response to trials. James 1:2-4

#### 4. Provision of God for the trials

- a. His abiding Presence. Hebrews 13:5 “Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”
- b. His sufficient Grace. 2 Corinthians 12:9 But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses.” Therefore, I will all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.

## CONCLUSION

- A. Recap on the Evidences of Salvation.
  1. The written evidence. The Word of God
  2. The living evidence. The Holy Spirit.
  3. The visible evidence. The Fruit of Salvation.
  
- B. Evidences of salvation are not design to convince the world that we are saved. It is not for them. It is for us. This is design to:
  1. Give us a rock solid assurance that we are saved.
  2. Strengthen us in our resolve to live our lives under the Lordship of Jesus Christ as our act of gratitude for the great salvation He gave us.