

Application Questions

...be doers of the word, and not bearers only... (James 1:22, ESV)

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Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; 1 Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- How does God want my beliefs and/or actions to change?
- How can I accomplish this change?
- What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

1. What are some reasons people doubt their salvation? Maybe this is a personal question...what are some reasons *you* doubt your salvation? For each reason you can list, seek out and memorize a Bible passage (probably in 1 John) that gives help.
2. Read Hebrews 4. What is the author's theological point? (Hint: it is directly related to the text we studied in 1 John) What are his answers?
3. Memorize 1 John 5:13 and John's three tests. Be sure that you can give help to someone else who is struggling with doubt and assurance through John's tests.

Here are some resources that might help you as you grow in your knowledge of and obedience to Christ.

That You May Know (Christopher David Bass)

Heaven on Earth (Thomas Brooks)—Puritan

Assured (Greg Gilbert)

Assurance: Overcoming the Difficulty of Knowing Forgiveness (John Owen)—Puritan; difficult read, but worth the effort

Can I Be Sure I'm Saved? (R.C. Sproul)

Kept for Jesus (Sam Storms)

How Can I Be Sure I'm a Christian (Donald Whitney)



GROUNDS OF ASSURANCE

1 JOHN 4:13-21 (PART 2)

Sermon Notes

Sinclair Ferguson: “Assurance is our reaction to the gift of salvation and our reflection on our trust in Christ.”

Thomas Brooks: “A soul under assurance is always attended by three fair handmaids: love, humility and holy joy.”

Thomas Watson: “Sanctification is the seed; assurance is the flower which grows out of it.”
