

A woman with long dark hair in a ponytail, wearing a light blue long-sleeved shirt and dark pants, is sitting on a concrete ledge. She is looking out over a body of water towards a city skyline in the distance. The sky is overcast and the scene is lit with soft, natural light.

**Am I really
saved? How
can I know
for sure?**

The Foundation of Full Assurance

Part 1

Selected Scripture

Review

**Why Assurance Is So Important
Is Full Assurance Possible?**

Review

Council of Trent

1545 – 1563

“No one can know with a certainty of faith which cannot be subject to error that he has obtained the grace of God.”

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The Nature of False Assurance

Tonight:

The Foundation of Full Assurance

What causes believers to have doubts about their salvation?

1 – They don't fully understand Bible doctrine about salvation.

2 – They think there is no way they could ever deserve it.

(And they're right!)

What causes believers to have doubts about their salvation?

**“Grace” =
unmerited, undeserved favor of God**

Amazing Grace

**“Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.”**

What causes believers to have doubts about their salvation?

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2 – They think there is no way they could ever deserve it.

3 - Sin

What causes believers to have doubts about their salvation?

John MacArthur

“Assurance is a gift of the Holy Spirit to an obedient believer.”

What is the foundation (or ground) of full assurance?

Isaiah 32:17

The work of righteousness will be peace, And the effect of
righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.

What is the foundation (or ground) of full assurance?

What we find in the Bible:

- 1 - Genuine salvation is a work of God**
- 2 - God's saving work completely transforms a person's heart and life**
- 3 - A heart and life that has been savingly transformed will give evidence of that transformation**

Genuine salvation is a work of God

John 3:3-7

(3) Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is **born again**, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (4) Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" (5) Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

Genuine salvation is a work of God

John 3:3-7

(6) That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. (7) Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be **born again**.'

Genuine salvation is a work of God

Ephesians 2:4-5

(4) **But God**, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, (5) even when we were dead in trespasses, **made us alive** together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

Genuine salvation is a work of God

Ephesians 2:8

For by grace you have been saved through faith,
and **that** not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God,

Genuine salvation is a work of God

Ephesians 1:3-7

(3) Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, (4) just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, (5) having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

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Ephesians 1:3-7

(6) to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. (7) In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

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Romans 8:28-30

(28) And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose. (29) For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. (30) Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

Genuine salvation is a work of God

Philippians 1:6

(6) being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ;

Genuine salvation is a work of God

So, the question becomes:

**How do we know God has done
a saving work in our lives?**

**God's saving work completely
transforms a person's heart and life**

Ezekiel 36:22-31

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Romans 6:17

(17) But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed **from the heart** that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.

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2 Corinthians 5:17

(17) Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

**God's saving work completely
transforms a person's heart and life**

What does this mean specifically?

Next week:

**A heart and life that has been transformed will
give evidence of that transformation**

The End