

## Assurance of Election

Bible	Roman Catholic Church
<p>Romans 8:15-16, 38-39 "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God...For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."</p> <p>John 6:69 "And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God."</p> <p>1 Corinthians 2:12 "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God."</p> <p>2 Corinthians 13:5 "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?"</p> <p>Ephesians 4:30 "And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."</p> <p>1 John 2:3; 3:24 "And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments...And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us."</p> <p>2 Timothy 1:12 "For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."</p> <p>Revelation 2:17 "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth <i>it</i>."</p>	<p>"...no one can know with a certainty of faith, which cannot be subject to error, that he has obtained the grace of God." Session 6, First Decree, Chapter 9, Council of Trent</p> <p>"No one, moreover, so long as he is in this mortal life, ought so far to presume as regards the secret mystery of divine predestination, as to determine for certain that he is assuredly in the number of the predestinate...it cannot be known whom God hath chosen unto Himself." Session 6, First Decree, Chapter 12, Council of Trent</p> <p>"CANON XV.-If any one saith, that a man, who is born again and justified, is bound of faith to believe that he is assuredly in the number of the predestinate; let him be anathema." -Council of Trent, Canons on Justification</p> <p>"CANON XVI.-If any one saith, that he will for certain, of an absolute and infallible certainty, have that great gift of perseverance unto the end,-unless he have learned this by special revelation; let him be anathema." -Council of Trent, Canons on Justification</p>

NOTES:

1) The Truth:

- (1) Testimony/Sealing of the Holy Spirit
- (2) God continuing His work in us, which He has already started
- (3) The election is cause of the effect of regeneration/faith
- (4) The effects of faith demand certainty
  - (a) Confidence (Ephesians 3:12)
  - (b) Full assurance of salvation (Hebrews 10:22)
  - (c) Unspeakable and irrevocable joy (1 Peter 1:8; John 16:22)
- (5) Scripture Examples:
  - (a) Abraham FULLY PERSUADED (Romans 4:18-21)
  - (b) David was certain he would never be moved, ashamed, etc. (Psalm 16:8; 23:6; 31:1)
  - (c) Paul persuaded of the love of God no matter what (Romans 8:38-39)
- (6) Bible Syllogisms

2) Advantage for the Roman Catholic Church to hold this position against the Bible: the Roman Catholic Church cannot establish all of their faith and practice from Scripture alone. Therefore, in order to preserve the many faith and practices that are not established by Scripture, they must set up other judges upon whose authority they may establish a myriad of their faith and practices.

3) A Witness of a Church Father for the Bible teaching (a myriad could have been listed):

Church Father	Source	Quote
Augustine	From <i>The Trinity</i> 13.1	"Whoever has it, may see his own faith in his heart, and hold it with the most certain knowledge and the conviction of conscience."

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