

IWC LILONGWE DISCIPLESHIP CLASS

LESSON: Assurance of Our Salvation

(Saved and Sure)



Introduction

Do you ever question whether or not you are actually saved? You are not alone. Many people struggle with doubts about their salvation.

- Maybe you wonder, *“Could I really be saved if I keep struggling with sin?”*
- Or perhaps you think, *“I don’t see the same spiritual fruit in my life as before. Have I lost my salvation?”*

Why is it important to be sure of your salvation?

1. **Satan can steal your joy** – If you’re unsure of your salvation, the enemy can rob you of the peace and confidence that comes from a relationship with God.
2. **Fear and doubt keep you in bondage** – If you constantly worry about your eternal destiny, you won’t be able to fully enjoy your relationship with God.
3. **Lack of assurance weakens your service** – It’s difficult to share the gospel boldly if you’re unsure of your own salvation.

Maybe you feel secure in your salvation but want to help others who struggle with doubt. In this course, we’ll explore what the Bible teaches about salvation, the security of believers, and how sin after conversion affects our lives. **You can know for certain that you are a child of God.**

Section 1: Understanding Our Assurance

Read 1 John 5:11-13

Before we go further, reflect on your motivation for taking this course:

- **A.** I want to be sure that I am really saved.
- **B.** I sometimes doubt my salvation when I sin or don’t *feel* saved.
- **C.** I am sure of my salvation, but I want to understand the biblical reasons for it.
- **D.** I know I’m saved but want to help others who struggle with assurance.
- **E.** A combination of the above.

Regardless of your motivation, this lesson will help you understand that **salvation is not based on emotions but on the unchanging truth of God's Word.**

Three Biblical Truths About the Assurance of Salvation

1. *It is God's will for everyone to be saved*

Some people doubt their salvation, thinking *"Does God even want me to be saved?"* However, the Bible clearly teaches that God desires all people to be saved:

- *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."* (John 3:16)
- *"For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life."* (John 6:40)
- *"The Lord is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance."* (2 Peter 3:9)

So why isn't everyone saved?

God has given humanity free will. He doesn't force anyone to love or follow Him, but He invites all to receive salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

Section 2: The Nature of Salvation

2. *Salvation Gives You a New Nature That Cannot Be Lost*

Some people think salvation can come and go, but what does Jesus say?

- *"Unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."* (John 3:3)

Being **born again** is a permanent transformation. Just as you cannot be "unborn" physically, you cannot be spiritually "unborn" once you receive Christ. **It is Salvation by Birth!**

- *"We become partakers of the divine nature."* (2 Peter 1:4)
- *"You have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God."* (Colossians 3:3)
- *"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand."* (John 10:27-28)

If you are a believer, you have received a divine nature that cannot be taken away. Even when we struggle with sin or emotions, our salvation remains secure.

Reflection:

- How does knowing that you are a "partaker of the divine nature" make you feel?
- Can you see evidence in your life that you are a new creation in Christ?

Section 3: Salvation is by Grace, Not Works

3. We Are Saved by Grace Through Faith

Many people struggle with assurance because they base their salvation on their behavior instead of God's promise. The Bible teaches that **salvation is not about what we do, but about what Jesus has already done.**

- *“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.”* (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- *“He who hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.”* (John 5:24)

What About Good Works?

While good works are important, they do not save us. Instead, they are the **result** of salvation.

- *“We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.”* (Ephesians 2:10)

Salvation is a **free gift**—not something we can earn. If we didn't work for our salvation, then we can't lose it by failing to be “good enough.”

Common Questions About Assurance

1. **Can a true believer lose their salvation?**
 - No. Jesus promised that no one can snatch His followers from His hand (John 10:28).
 - Salvation is a work of God, not man. If we didn't earn it, we can't lose it.
 2. **What if I don't always feel saved?**
 - Our emotions change, but God's Word is unchanging.
 - Faith is about trusting in God's promises, not how we feel on a given day.
 3. **Does sin after salvation mean I'm not really saved?**
 - No. Even the apostle Paul struggled with sin (Romans 7:19).
 - All believers sin, but salvation is secure (Romans 8:1, 38-39).
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Conclusion: Resting in Your Salvation

Through this lesson, we've seen that:

- ✓ God desires everyone to be saved.
- ✓ Salvation gives us a new, unchangeable nature.
- ✓ We are saved by grace, not by our performance.

If you have placed your faith in Jesus Christ, **your salvation is secure!**

Prayer of Assurance

"Father, for every believer struggling with doubt, I pray that You would fill them with confidence in Your promises. Help them reject fear, knowing that salvation is secure in Christ. Thank You for Your grace, Your love, and Your eternal promise. In Jesus' name, Amen."
