

God's Wonderful Words of Life Series by D. Lavell Lee

Message Thirteen

- Assurance
- Heb. 11:6, Ro. 10:17, Gal. 1:3-5, Tit. 2:11-15, I Pet. 2:24-25, 1 Cor. 1:9, 2 Thess. 5:23-24, 1 John 5:9-13

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4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:
5 To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Tit 2:11-15 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,
12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;
13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;
14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.
15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

1Pe 2:24-25 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.
25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

1Co 1:9 God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

1Th 5:23-24 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

1Jo 5:9-13 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.

10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

Assurance, as it relates to our salvation, is the sure confidence that we have a right relationship with God, that is that we are forever saved from our sins through Jesus Christ. Assurance is the birthright of every believer and it is their duty and privilege to experience and enjoy such an inner possession. The doctrine of assurance is not to be confused with the doctrine of the eternal security of salvation in the believer. The latter is a fact due to God's faithfulness to the believer, while the former is what a person believes to be true concerning his salvation at a given time. Certainly, the assurance of our salvation is taught in God's word, but a believer might not understand this truth and can suffer from doubt and fear because of a lack of clear understanding of this truth from God's word. To be very sure, God wants His dear children to know for certain that they are His very own. Who of us mere mortals would want our own children to doubt that they belong to us. That would be absurd. So then, God is far greater than we are, and His love far exceeds our mere human love, and He wants His children to rest in His assurance. Assurance does not rest upon our often changing feelings, but, rather rests upon us having our thoughts wholly occupied with Jesus Christ and His finished work on calvary on our behalf. Assurance comes from God's word and our personal experience feelings will be greatly improved as we confidently rest ourselves on the word of God alone. Let us rejoice together in this study and praise God for His saving grace and assurance grace. Assurance rises from God's word in the following manner:

FIRST Faith in God himself.

Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

This verse of scripture is easy to understand.

1. Without faith in God it is impossible to please Him. We must believe that God really does in fact exist. That is very simple. Why would we come to a being at all if we didn't believe Him to be real.
2. We must believe in God's generosity, that He is in fact a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.
3. There is the underlying truth in this verse that we are supposed to seek Him.

1Ch 28:9 And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.

Psa 27:8 When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

**Psa 105:3-4 Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.
4 Seek the LORD, and his strength: seek his face evermore.**

SECOND Faith in God's faithfulness to honor His pledges to us as recorded in His word.

1Co 1:9 God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**1Th 5:23-24 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.**

Human beings might not be faithful to their word but God is always faithful to fulfill His word. Faith in God's faithfulness will go a long way toward helping us enjoy wonderful inner peace. But without faith in God's faithfulness there can be no inner peace or assurance.

THIRD Faith in what God reveals to us in His word.

Rom 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

It might seem redundant to state this in this way, but, we must take God at His word or we are left with nothing else on which to stand.

1. God's word reveals that Jesus Christ paid our sin debt. This is the rock bed foundation upon how God has solved our sin problem.

**Gal 1:3-5 Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ,
4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:
5 To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

Notice God's gentle approach to us in this passage of scripture: **“Grace and peace to you”, “from God the Father”, “and from our Lord Jesus Christ.”** God comes to us in a very reassuring manner. Grace is God's very own favor to us mortals and peace in our inner beings is God's benevolent gift to His children, and this rests upon the fact that Jesus Christ paid our sin debt and God wants us to know this. It is His desire to deliver us from this present evil world, and it's God's will to save us, and it is for His glory and honor.

2. God's word reveals that He has forgiven us of all our trespasses.

Col 2:13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

The multitude of my sins and your sins against God are enormous, even staggering in their magnitude and multitude, but, praise God, He has forgiven us of all. We must believe this and we indeed do.

3. God's word reveals that He has saved us completely. Nothing is left out in our salvation.

**Heb 7:23-25 And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death:
24 But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.**

25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Does He live? Yes He does, and in Him, so do we.

Joh 14:18-20 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

20 At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you

How much plainer could it be stated?

FOURTH Faith in the truth from God's word that we can and do know that our salvation is real.

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The word “know” is prominent in this book of 1 John. Read this little five chapter book over and over and over and let it soak into your hungering heart. There are birthmarks all the way through this book. Read it! Devour it! Believe it! Then you will be blessed so very greatly with assurance from God Himself as He ministers to your desperately needy heart. God loves you and He wants to help you. His word is alive, and it will minister life and comfort to you.

Yes, our salvation is a know so salvation for God Himself says so, and that does settle it.

Psa 73:25-26 Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.

26 My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

Isa 32:17 And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh what a fore-taste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long. Words, Fanny J. Crosby, 1873

Sinner, will you come to Jesus Christ for salvation just now?

Rom 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.