

## **SECTION 2 JESUS FILM TRAINING MANUAL**

### **Topic 5: Assurance of Salvation**

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#### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this session is to help us understand that assurance of salvation is a privilege for all God's children and how to appropriate this assurance.

#### **Learning Objectives:**

1. Explain what assurance is.
2. Describe the basis for assurance.
3. Appropriate your assurance of salvation.

#### **Discussion:**

Is it possible for a person to be 100% sure that he is a child of God?



### **A. OBSTACLES TO ACHIEVING ASSURANCE**

#### **1. Unbelief**

- Some have rejected Christ. Others have not yet dared to believe in Him.

#### **2. A weak self-image**

- Many people feel they are unworthy of salvation.

#### **3. A false conception of God**

- Some see God as a harsh judge, who does not want to accept sinners.

#### **4. Legalism**

- Many people think that they should first become a better person. They measure their salvation with their performance, which always falls short.

#### **5. Lack of knowledge**

- Often there is not enough teaching on the basis of salvation.

### **B. THE BASIS OF OUR ASSURANCE**

#### **1. God`s Word**

1 John 5:10-13      God has given us eternal life in Jesus Christ. We can claim it on the basis of God`s Word. We have the privilege to

know that we have eternal life.

John 6:37 Jesus has promised He will never cast out anyone who puts his trust in Him.

Rev. 3:20 Jesus promised to come to dwell in everyone who opens his heart to Him.

1 John 3:19-20 Although our hearts (=conscience) may condemn us, that will not change God's decision to pardon us. Our conscience has to agree with God's Word, not vice-versa.

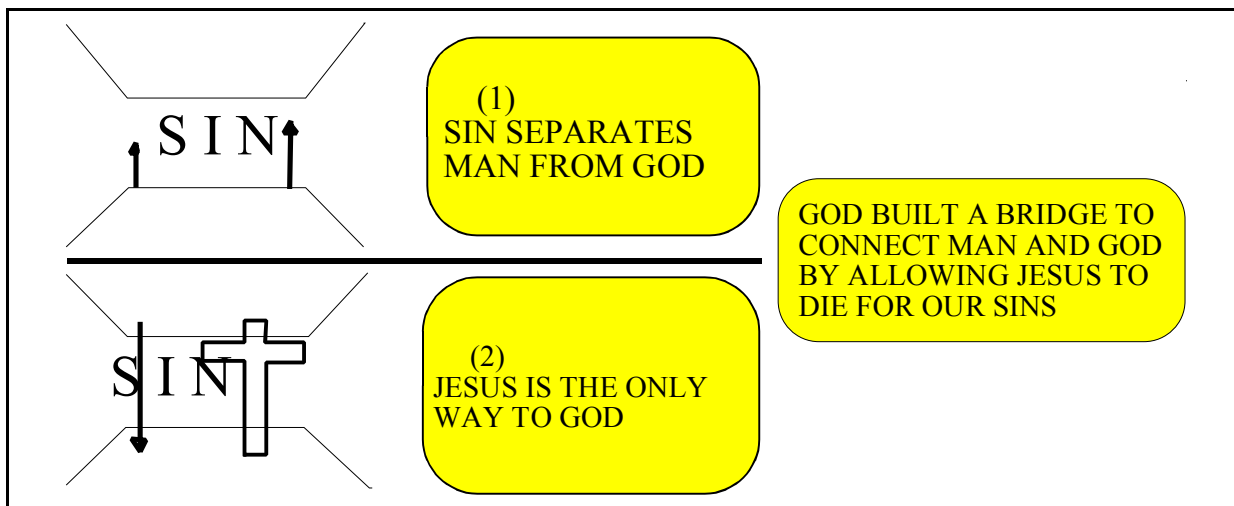
## 2. God's plan

Eph.1:4-7 God knew us before creation. He foresaw even our sins. Therefore He made a plan to redeem us by the sacrifice of His only Son on Calvary and forgive our sins.

Gen.1:26-27 God created man in His image. However, the image was distorted in the fall of man. Jesus was the perfect, flawless image of God. (Col. 1:15; Heb. 1:3)

2 Cor. 3:18 When He comes to live in us, God's purpose for creation is fulfilled.

## 3. The death of Christ on the cross



John 19:30 When Jesus gave up His life, He ensured that His sacrifice was sufficient to fulfil God's requirement for righteousness.

Heb.10:10 The sacrifice of Jesus is enough to both save and sanctify us.

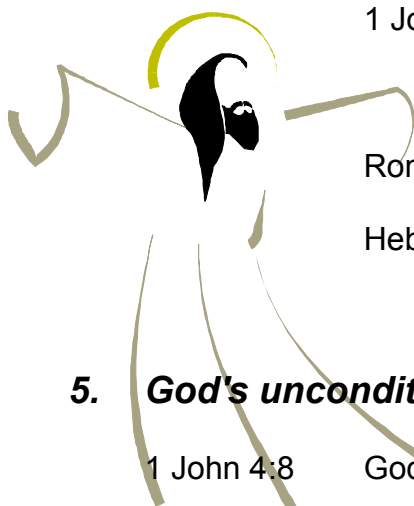
Rom. 5:8-10 Christ's death and resurrection are adequate to both save us

and keep us saved.

God built a bridge to connect man and God by allowing Jesus to die for our sins.

Jesus is the **only way** to God. He says, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

#### 4. **The Resurrection and Ascension of Christ**



1 John 2:1-2 Jesus is now in heaven on the right side of the Father, defending sinful Christians. He reminds the Father of the propitiation for our sins.

Rom. 8:34 Jesus is praying for us in heaven.

Heb. 7:24-25 Jesus lives. He completely and forever saves all those who come to God through Him.

#### 5. **God's unconditional grace**

1 John 4:8 God is Love. He can never stop loving His children.

Heb. 13:5 God is Faithful. He will never forsake us nor leave us for any reason.

Eph. 2:8-9 God's grace is sufficient. We do not need to complement it with our works.

Since our good works cannot save us, our bad works can not condemn us.  
*Salvation lies only in Christ's death on Calvary.*

Phil. 1:6 God is able to complete His work in us.

#### 6. **Our position as God's children**

Gal. 4:4-7 We have a place in God's family that is unchangeable, permanent, and independent of our performance.

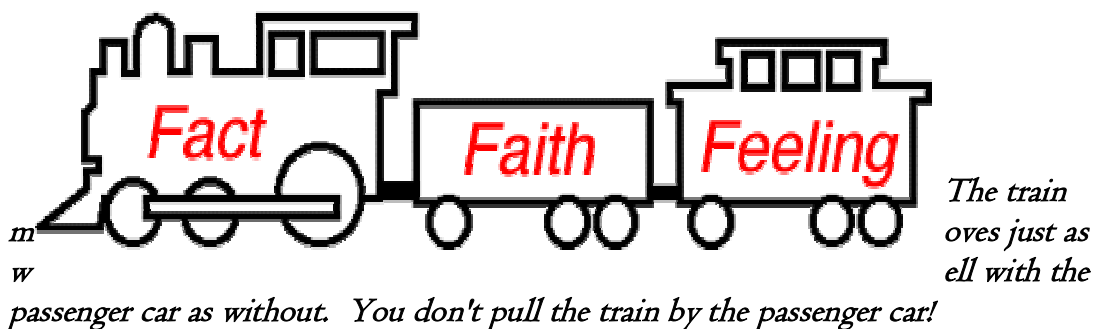
1 Cor. 3:11-15 The foundation remains even if our works burn.

### **C. HELP WITH HARD QUESTIONS**

## 1. **What if I don't feel I am saved?**

1 John 5:10-13      Salvation does not depend on feelings. We know it by God's Word.

1 John 3:19-20      We can assure condemning feelings with God's Word



## 2. **What if I am too sinful?**

Rom. 3:23-24      Everyone is a sinner. Christ died on the cross expressly to save sinners. **Holy people do not need salvation!**

1 Tim. 1:15      Jesus came to the world to save sinners.

Rom. 5:6-10      The Bible shows that the weak, ungodly, sinful, and even enemies were reconciled at the cross, and can be saved if they believe in Jesus.

No one is too sinful for Jesus, Who washed away our sins at Calvary.

## 3. **What if my motives are impure? What if I am selfish and believe only in order to go to heaven instead of hell?**

Rom. 3:10-12      Man is completely sinful and corrupt. How could his motives be pure? Everyone who has become a Christian has done so because of impure motives. But the forgiveness of sins also covers those selfish motives.

Joh. 10:28      Eternal life is a gift and it is final.

## 4. **What about tomorrow? What if I can't maintain my faith?**

Phil. 1:6      Maintaining our faith is not our performance for God. He brought us to salvation and can complete the work He started.

Heb. 13:8      Jesus never changes. He remains faithful eternally.

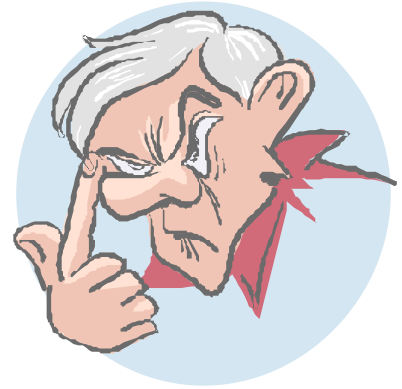
## 5. *What if I cannot believe?*

John 6:29      Faith is the work of God. Through man's own strength and understanding, he can not believe in Jesus. Faith doesn't come by trying.

Acts 3:16      Faith comes through Jesus. It is His work, not ours!

Heb. 12:2      Jesus is the author and perfecter of our faith.

2 Tim. 2:13      Jesus remains faithful even when we are faithless.



Rom. 8:31-39      The conclusion from all this: All God's children have the right to experience complete assurance in Christ.

### **Assignment:**

- a. Write your own answer to the following question:  
— *"How can I be sure that I am a child of God right now?"*
- b. Imagine yourself standing before God and He asks you, "On what grounds should I let you enter heaven?"  
— *How would you answer?*

