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Lessons On Assurance -2

Assurance of Growth

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Study #2

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Memory Verse: “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.” -1 Cor. 10:13



God has made us His children and He intends for us to grow up “in Christ”. His first step in saving us is to save us from the penalty of sin. Being saved from the penalty of sin (justification) is a one time, irreversible, judicial event where God takes our sin away and gives us Christ’s righteousness the moment we trust Christ. We don’t feel anything but our guilty verdict goes to “not guilty”. Once we’re saved from the penalty of sin now God intends to save us from the power of sin.

1. How does -2 Cor. 5:17 describe people “in Christ”

2. How does Paul describe his new life “in Christ” ? -Gal. 2:20

e. –James 4:7

f. –Prov. 3:5,6

14. What is a temptation that frequently seizes you? What do you think God’s way of escape is?

12. What does -1 Jn. 4:4 and -2 Thess. 3:3 promise?

As a child of God I now have two natures which battle for the control of my heart (mind, will, emotions). I have the old nature (the flesh) and I have the new nature (Christ in me). The power of sin in me is rooted in the old nature –my old heart (the flesh). I now need saved daily from the power of sin in me. Being saved from the **penalty of sin** (justification) is a once & done event that gives me an eternal position in Christ and ensures I'm on my way to heaven. Being saved from the **power of sin** (sanctification) is a life-long process that requires God to rescue me daily from my old nature.

13. What are some ways you can keep temptation from leading to sin?

a. -Mt. 6:9,13

3. How does Paul describe the difference between the old nature and the new nature? -Gal. 5:17

b. -Ps. 119:9,11

4. How is my old heart (old nature, flesh) described in the following verses? -Mk. 7:21-23, -Gal. 5:19-21, -Jer. 17: 9

c. -Prov. 4:23

d. -Heb. 4:16

5. How does –Eph. 4:22 & 23 describe my role in growing up as a child of God? But now Christ lives in me to rescue me from the old man. What are the two imperatives? What are the two sources of life actions?

6. I will be tempted to act out of the old nature and do things I've always done. I can be successful and grow up "in Christ". According to 1 Cor. 10:13 what is true of every temptation I face?

7. Does God remove temptation?

8. What does God do for us?

9. How does James describe temptation and sin? –Jm. 1:13-15

10. The old man" (old nature, our heart) is our internal and worst enemy. We also have an external enemy. How does 1 Peter 5:18 describe what the devil seeks to do.

11. The devil can't make us do anything as God's children. But he uses the world to feed our "old man" (hearts, flesh, old nature) to tempt us, or cause us "desire" (Jm. 1:13). How does -1 Jn. 2:15-16 describe three areas of temptation.