

The Assurance of the Believer.

Security. Based solely on the work of the Cross.
Assurance. Due to knowledge of what God says.

Assurance: A noun meaning "To be sure". It is not presumption to say "I am saved!" Certainty is arrived at by:-

1. By the knowledge of the Word of God.
2. By obedience to the Truth of God.

There is a vast difference between Security and Assurance. *No place for word feelings.*

1. The Security of the Believer, depends on the finished work of Christ. Is that enough?
2. Assurance in the heart of a Believer, depends upon a clear knowledge of the Word of God.

IT IS POSSIBLE TO BE SECURE WITHOUT HAVING ASSURANCE

Illus: The two families at the Passover time.
The man crossing the ice. The carter.

IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE TO HAVE ASSURANCE SANS SECURITY

Doing the best I can. Trusting to merit.

- Therefore: 1. Security is the fact. Jno. 10.27-28
2. Assur. the enjoyment of it. Heb. 10.1
Heb. 10. 10; 14.

I. The fact of Assurance is based on:

1. The character of the work of Christ. Heb. 7.25;
Heb. 9.24.
2. The nature of the change wrought in us.
 1. A house not made..eternal" 2 Cor. 5.1-5
 2. "A new Creation". 2 Cor. 5. 17.
 3. Partakers of Divine nature". 2 Pet 1.4.
 4. Branches in Vine. Jno. 15. 1-16.
3. The present standing under the blood. Shed on

II. The Warrant for a Believer's Assurance:

The Word. Therefore know the Word.

We have the language of Assurance in verses:

2 Tim. 1. 12. "I know whom I have believed"

Rom. 8. 34-38 "For I am persuaded".

1 Jno 5.12-13 "That ye may know".

Do not argue about cases you may know. You need to accept what God says.

wixt the saddle and the ground.

Miss Soltau and old miserly atheist.

III. The character of assurance is based on the character of salvation.

1. It is "eternal redemption". Heb. 9. 12
2. Based on one sacrifice. Heb. 9.26.
3. It is called "eternal inheritance". Heb. 9.15
4. It is a covenant Heb. 9.
 - a. Based on promises. Heb. 6.
 - b. Backed by God's oath.
5. It has eternal Advocate. Heb. 7.25. 1Jno 2.1.

IV. The Effect of Assurance on the Believer.

1. It gives certainty to Christian life.
"I believe in falling away".
2. It emphasises that salvation is of the Lord
3. It glorifies God not us. 1 Pet 1.5. "Kept"

Illus. Girl with her locket.

In Salvation I take the Saviour.

In Sanctification the Saviour takes me.