

## “ASSURANCE OF SALVATION”

### A. WHAT DOES ASSURANCE MEAN?

1. Definition: “Assurance is the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ conviction of the \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ that he or she possesses eternal salvation, based solely upon the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.”

2. Though *assurance* of salvation \_\_\_\_\_ lost, the believer’s *salvation* itself \_\_\_\_\_ lost because we are eternally secure in Christ.

### B. HOW CAN YOU HAVE ASSURANCE?

1. Real assurance of salvation can only be based on the perfect \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ upon the cross. (John 19:30; Heb. 10:10-14)

\* *What role do the good works of a believer have in personal assurance? . . . in assurance to others?*

2. Real assurance of salvation can only be found in the unchanging \_\_\_\_\_ of God. (John 3:16, 5:24, 6:47, 11:25-26, 40; 1 John 5:9-13)

### C. WHY DO PEOPLE LACK ASSURANCE?

*People often lack assurance because they . . .*

1) . . . are relying upon their \_\_\_\_\_ instead of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Word. (2 Ti 3:15-17)

2) . . . come under the influence of \_\_\_\_\_. (Gal. 1:6-9, 5:6; 1 Tim. 1:19; 2 Tim. 2:18)

3) . . . have been persistently \_\_\_\_\_ and have lost sight of God's grace. (Luke 15:21)

4) . . . have \_\_\_\_\_ been \_\_\_\_\_. (Matt. 7:21-23)