

# Confidence about Heaven

**2 Peter 1:1-11**

*If you were to die today,  
are you confident that you would go to heaven?*

*“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. **Matthew 7:21***

*“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. **Matthew 7:13-14***

***Heaven is promised to those who have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, and have given Him the control of their life in the decisions they make.***

*Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. **2 Peter 1:10***

*those who all their lives are held in slavery by their fear of death. **Hebrews 2:15***

*And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.*

**1 John 5:11-12**

*I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. **1 John 5:13***

*“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. **John 10:10***

*For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. **Titus 2:11-14***

# Be confident in your salvation

## 1. Rely on God's \_\_\_\_\_ and not your goodness.

*All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; Isaiah 64:6*

***Salvation comes from trusting in Jesus' death on the cross  
and not our own works.***

*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9*

*“There is no one righteous, not even one; Romans 3:1*

*Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12*

*His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness.  
Salvation comes from trusting God, not yourself. 2 Peter 1:3*

*Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. 2 Peter 1:4*

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16*

*“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. John 11:25-26*

*I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. John 14:2-3*

*Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, Romans 8:1*

*That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9*

*“I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. **John 5:24***

*Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, **2 Corinthians 5:1***

*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. **James 1:17***

*His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him **2 Peter 1:3***

*faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ. **Romans 10:17***

## **2. Measure your Christian life by \_\_\_\_\_ and not by perfection. *Be confident in your salvation***

*For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. **Romans 7:19–20***

*What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! **Romans 7:24–25***

*For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith **2 Peter 1:5***

*For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. **2 Peter 1:5-7***

*For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. **2 Peter 1:8***

*But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, **2 Peter 1:9***

### **Two Motivations**

1. Keep your eye on the \_\_\_\_\_.

*But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins. 2 Peter 1:9*

2. Remember God's \_\_\_\_\_

### **3. Be intense in the Christian life and avoid**

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### **Reasons why we ought to be more eager as we grow older in Christ.**

1. You gain knowledge and you're eager to learn the \_\_\_\_\_ truth.

*Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. 1 Corinthians 13:12*

2. You know Jesus Christ better and you want to see Him \_\_\_\_\_.

3. We become increasingly \_\_\_\_\_ with this world.

*For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. 2 Corinthians 5:4*

4. Our loved ones \_\_\_\_\_ us in death.

5. We look forward to a rich \_\_\_\_\_.

*For if you do these things, you will never fall, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 1:10-11*

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