

## Doctrine of the Assurance of Salvation

### Part 2

#### The Duties of Salvation

1. It is important to study the doctrine of the assurance of salvation, not only for personal comfort, but to discover if we are really in a state of saving grace.
2. Assurance of salvation is directly related to fulfilling the duties of salvation.
  - *Matthew 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*
3. The teaching of this warning of Jesus is that not everyone who calls Jesus “Lord”, is saved. The repetition of the name is designed for emphasis, and to indicate a personal, intimate relationship.
  - Abraham, Abraham. *Genesis 22:11 And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. 12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.*
  - Moses, Moses. *Exodus 3:4 And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.*
  - Jacob, Jacob. *Genesis 46:2 And God spake unto Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here am I.*
  - Samuel, Samuel. *1 Samuel 3:10 And the Lord came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.*
  - Martha, Martha. *Luke 10:41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things.*
  - Simon, Simon. *Luke 22:31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:*
  - Oh Jerusalem, Jerusalem. *Matthew 23:37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!*

- My God, My God. *Matthew 27:46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? That is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?*
- Saul, Saul. *Acts 9:4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?*

***Special Note.***

It is possible for people to think they have a personal, intimate relationship with Jesus and yet His final words to many people will be, “*I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity*”

4. The basis for condemnation is a lifestyle of lawlessness performed by those who are heavily involved in the work of the church.
5. How can a person know if one day Jesus will be addressed on intimate terms, only to be told to depart? Millions of people have made a profession of faith in Christ, they have made a decision for Christ, but how many have been converted?
6. Jesus addressed this question in the Parable of the Sower in the context of answering the question, “*Who is my mother, and who are my brethren?*”
  - *Matthew 12:47 Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee. 48 But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? And who are my brethren? 49 And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! 50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.*
  - *Matthew 13:1 The same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side. 2 And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship, and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. 3 And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow; 4 And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up: 5 Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: 6 And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. 7 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: 8 But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold. 9 Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.*

**The Parable of the Sower Explained**

- *Matthew 13:18 Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side. 20 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; 21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended. 22*

*He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. 23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.*

***Special Note.***

For true conversion to take place there must be good soil. God changes the soil of the hearer. God provides the soil for the gospel seed to grow and to bear fruit.

7. In Matthew 12:50, Jesus identified His mother, and His brethren, as those who did the will of His Father in heaven.
8. The true brother of Christ is the one who does the will of the Father, not just the one who made a decision to accept Christ.
9. Judas chose to become a disciple of Jesus. Judas made a decision to follow Christ. Nevertheless, he was a devil from the beginning. As close as Judas was to Jesus, he was never a converted man.
10. There is a terrible doctrine in the church that promotes the idea of a carnal Christian. That is in conflict with Scripture. There must be spiritual fruit in the life of a true believer. While the fruit saves no one, it is the evidence of life.
11. A true believer bears fruit or there is no saving faith.
  - *Matthew 7:16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?*
12. A lot of emphasis has been placed on making a decision, responding to an altar call, praying the prayer of a sinner, and attending services, the church has missed an important point. Making a decision to follow Jesus has never converted anyone. It takes the power of the Holy Ghost to convert a person. There must be true faith in the heart. A person's profession of faith must be authentic.
13. It is not enough to honor Christ with one's lips, if the heart is far from Him.
  - *Matthew 15:8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.*