

Assurance of Salvation

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- God sent Jesus to save us: not a “plan B” but part of the original plan from the beginning.

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Therefore: it is not arrogance or presumption to have assurance of salvation: it is humility!

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A conversation with a friend

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Abraham believed God 25 years before years before he offered Isaac. Faith, and salvation, came first and was followed by works. As James also says: *I by my works will show you my faith* (James 2:18)

What about Works?

Love is a far more powerful motivation than fear.

Those who love God and know the love of God will naturally want to do what pleases Him and will also be able to do these things by the power of the Holy Spirit working within them.

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We are the joy that was set before Jesus. We are his joy and crown and reward.

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I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (Eph 3:16–19)