“Can You Be Secure in Salvation?”
1 John 5:11-13
Salvation: *Can You Lose It?*

1. Can you sin **so greatly** that God withdraws your salvation?

   Extreme cases:
   ** Christian dies in DUI car accident
   ** Christian has heart attack in adultery

What if you die before you can confess?

Holy cow! “What if I haven’t confessed”

**EVERYTHING???”
The Testimony:  
“God Has Given Us Eternal Life”

Where is the only source of eternal life?  
“And this life is in His Son” (1 John 5:11)

“He has given” – at a specific point in time  
i.e. cross/resurrection + your moment in faith

Can “life” be found outside the Son?  
(John 14:6, Acts 4:12)
“He Who Has The Son Has The Life…” vs. 12

Salvation is a present possession -

What is “it” you that presently possess?

Eternal life!

Q: If it had an “end” to it, would it be eternal?

By God’s Word, that which you receive lasts forever!
Vs. 13 – Target: “you who believe in the name of the Son of God”

John’s word of assurance! Why?
“That you may know you have eternal life”

“know” vs. doubt – who ya gonna believe?
How Can We Be Sure?

John 10:27 – 29 – “no one can snatch them out of My hand.”

Romans 8:37 – 39 – “no other created thing shall be able to separate us from the love of God...”

Romans 11:29 – “For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.”

Ephesians 2:8-9 – “salvation is by grace, not by works”
Today: **Confirm** Your Salvation

Details of **When** You Were Saved
* Where? When? Circumstances?

**Overlooked elements** –
* **repentance** – “metanoia” - “change of mind”
* **confession** – “homo-logeo” – “agree”

“Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election.”

(2 Peter 1:10).
Q: Well, What **DOES** Happen When a Christian Sins?

John’s counsel in 1 John 1

1 John 1:8 – “no sin? We deceive ourselves and truth is not in us”

1 John 1:9 – “If we confess our sins...fellowship; blood of Jesus cleanses us all unrighteousness”

1 John 1:10 – “no sin? We make Him a liar and His Word is not in us”
Disobedient Child? Yes! But You Cannot Be “Unborn” To Your Parents!

You don’t lose your salvation!

BUT! **God will not ignore recurrent sin.**

But He will **discipline** you –

Instead, God disciplines disobedience in the life of a believer...“but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness” (Hebrews 12:10b).

Psalm 32:4 – “Thy hand was heavy on me...”
DNA samples used to reconstruct face of killer 30 years later (last Tues)
“By Faith, You Are Born Again to a Divine Nature” -

“(He) has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature…” (2 Peter 1:4)

“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come” (2 Corinthians 5:17).
So: What Happens When We Sin?

1. **What God does** – prompt, convict, uses sword of the Spirit

2. **What we should do**: = confess, repent forgiveness, and **damage control**!

3. What we should do when loved ones sin:
   - speak truth in love
   - pray!
Consequences of Unrepentant Sin

Psalm 51:10-13
* loss of peace of His presence (51:11)
* Holy Spirit quenched (51:11)
* loss of joy of salvation (51:12)
* loss of your witness (51:13)

The Holy Spirit can be:
* grieved (Ephesians 4:30)
* quenched (1 Thessalonians 5:19)
* Resisted (Acts 7:51)
How to Receive Jesus as Lord and Savior

1. Believe **Jesus is God’s Son**
2. Believe His completed **work at the cross**
3. **Receive Him** as Lord and Savior

John 1:12 – “receive by faith”
The “sinner’s prayer”

Romans 10:9, vs. 13 – “whosoever will call upon the Lord...”