Assurance

Hebrews 10:19-25

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- "Do you know for certain, nothing doubting, that if you died today you would go to heaven?"
- "What is the most profound statement you have ever considered?"
- "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so."
- How do we know?

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- Three views:
  1. You can't be certain in this life. That knowledge is kept in the mind of God alone. Fear and doubt belong to us in this life.
  2. You can know by receiving a direct communication from heaven leaving an impression upon your heart. They know they are forgiven because they "feel" forgiven.
  3. Faith in the word of God and obeying the conditions of salvation give us the full assurance that we are forgiven.

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- To know morally or physically:
  - Physically – the five senses.
  - Morally - with respect to the mental and psychological as distinguished from the physical.
- Jos, Nigeria
- Person on death row.

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- How do you know God forgives your sins through faith in Jesus Christ?
- How do you know the Spirit of God is in you?
- How do you know?

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- *let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. (Heb. 10:22 NIV)*

- *"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah." (Acts 2:36 NIV)*

- *For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. (2 Cor. 5:1 NIV)*

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- *⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy,*

- *⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (1 Pet. 1:8-9 NIV)*

- Luke 1:1-4

- Which is the more reliable source of assurance, your feelings or the word of God who does not lie and does not change?