

Assurance of Salvation
 Part 18

The LACK of assurance (4)



(Mission Moment)

Assurance of Salvation

The big question:

"WHY?"

(1) WHY do genuine followers of Jesus have questions about their salvation?

&

(2) How should we respond?

If you have no real reason to question your salvation,

then you can be sure that the one behind all this is the devil.*

* or (more likely) one of his underlings

Even in heaven, he's accusing us!

(Not his normal appearance. He often makes himself look like an "angel of light" (2 Cor. 11:14).

BUT HIS DAYS ARE NUMBERED!!!!

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:

"Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down." (Rev. 12:10 NIV)

One of these days, GOD IS GOING TO **ZAP** HIM!!!!

Start Cheering!!

The devil may use all kinds of methods to get us to question our salvation.

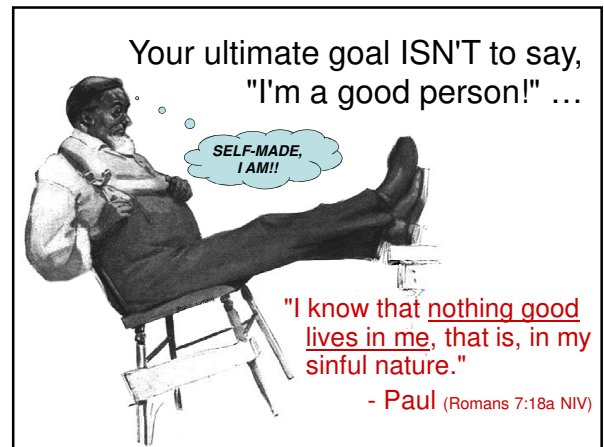
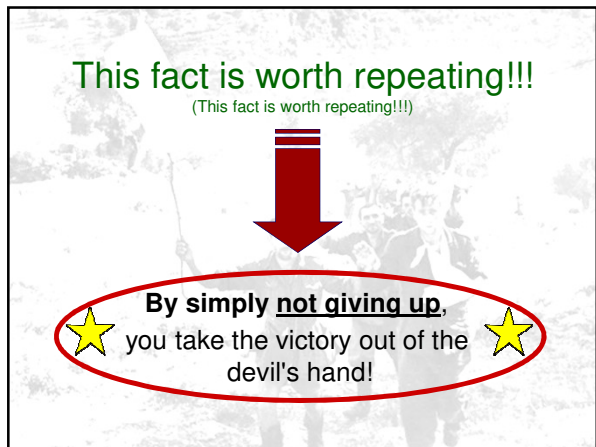
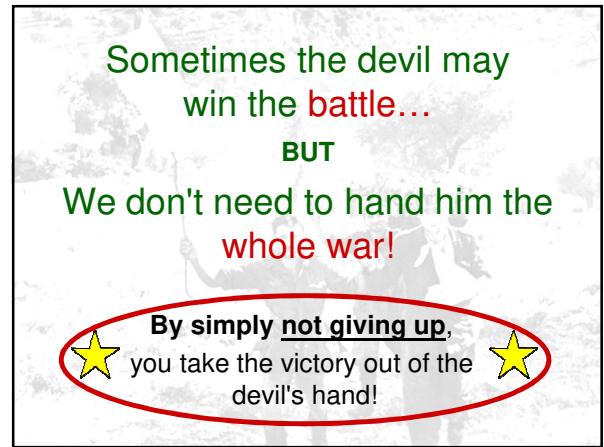
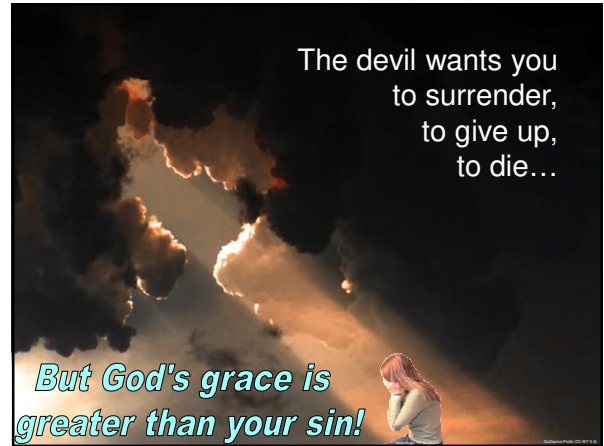
- He *wants* us to have questions, uncertainty and fear. He will keep bringing up issues and reminders.
- That's something we can ALL expect.

The devil – the great accuser...

- He likes to remind us of our shortcomings and sins.
- His goal:
 - To leave us powerless.
 - To destroy us.
 - Maybe even to get us to "end it all," in despair.

So how should we respond, when he reminds us that we have sinned?

Admit it's true... (SINCE IT IS TRUE)
BUT DON'T STOP THERE!



**But to say,
"He's a good God!"**

The good we do is *BECAUSE* of him!

"You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you."

(Romans 8:9a NIV)

The devil will do anything he can to attack us.

HE WANTS TO DESTROY US!

- **If you are saved**
 - He will probably raise questions about your salvation.

He may even get the **UNSAVED to worry about salvation!**

- **If you are unsaved (or a fake "Christian"), he may:**
 - (1) Make you confident that you are OK.
 - ➔ (2) Get you to worry all your life.
 - (3) Get you to rely on things that do not actually save.

YOUR MISSION!

REMEMBER THIS:

- Assurance of salvation is based on GOD'S WORD and the SPIRIT'S POWER.*
- It is not based on our feelings, our circumstances, our past, or our present.

* (The Spirit uses God's Word to change us.)

YOUR MISSION!

PREPARE YOURSELF FOR LIFE:

- The devil is going to make things difficult for us. Expect it!
 - What else would you expect from a vicious enemy?
- Keep "plugged in" to your source of strength – **GOD** will keep you from falling.
 - Don't try it on your own, unless you *desperately* WANT to fail!

YOUR MISSION!

PREPARE YOURSELF FOR NEXT WEEK!

Why?????



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