

Assurance of Salvation
Part 36
Repentance
(#6)

LAST WEEK:

THE GREAT EXCHANGE

This is what makes
repentance and salvation
possible.

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We can BE saved!

THIS WEEK:

THE GREAT GUARANTEE!

This is what makes
repentance and salvation
certain.

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**We can KNOW
we are saved!**



OFFICIAL DISCLAIMER

- This guarantee applies ONLY to those who are willing to have a repentant life.
- Otherwise, this guarantee does NOT apply to you.
 - But God DOES guarantee the opposite for you (unless you change).

The Great

GUARANTEE!

**BACKED BY
GOD HIMSELF!**

More secure than
a hardened steel bank vault!!



WHAT COULD IT BE???

I have CHOSEN you.
Therefore, I will NOT LET GO OF YOU!

The SOVEREIGNTY of GOD!!

I have CHOSEN you.

You didn't choose me. **I chose you.** I appointed you to go and produce fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name.

The world would love you if you belonged to it, but you don't. **I chose you** to come out of the world, and so it hates you.

(John 15:16, 19 NLT)

... it is **impossible for God to lie**, ...
(Hebrews 6:18 NIV)

... which **God, who does not lie**, promised before the beginning of time, ...
(Titus 1:2 NIV)

This applies to ALL who are followers of Jesus.

I will NOT LET GO OF YOU!

And it's directly connected with "human responsibility"!

What God does

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.
(John 6:37 NIV)

What we do

What God does

What we do

REVIEW:

Sovereignty and responsibility *work together!*

Here is a quick look at what we previously learned about this issue.



The **world** teaches us that sovereignty and responsibility work against each other



"If God is sovereign, how can I be responsible for my actions?" *

* (Stop "clowning around" with the world's lies!)

The **Bible** teaches us that sovereignty and responsibility work with each other

"Since God *is* sovereign, I *am* responsible for my actions.

God guarantees it will be that way, and *the devil cannot stop it!*" *

* (Look up and rejoice!)



In salvation,
they ALWAYS work together.

• **Sovereignty – What GOD does...**

He saved us, not because of the good things we did, but because of his mercy.
Titus 3:5a (NLT)

• **Responsibility – What PEOPLE do...**

[God] will give eternal life to those who **persist in doing what is good**, seeking after the glory and honor and immortality that God offers.
Romans 2:7 (NLT)

Take the QUIZ!

- Do you want to be saved?
- Are you willing to accept what the **Bible** says in this matter and to respond accordingly?

If your answer is YES to **BOTH** of these questions, then...

- You can have confident hope!
- Sovereignty guarantees the eternal consequences of your actions.

SALVATION?

YES
 NO

Sovereignty will
NEVER fight
against you!

[The WORLD's
view of "sovereignty"!]

But I WANT
to be saved!

Well, I want
you to go to
hell. And I'm
bigger than
you, so **you**
lose!

Never,
not ever.

Guess who I
just saved!

[The BIBLE's view of "sovereignty"!]

I WANT
to be saved!

Sovereignty and
responsibility will
always work together.

Always,
yes, ever.

Take the QUIZ!

(What about the "other" answer?)

- Do you want to be saved?
- Are you willing to accept what the **Bible** says in this matter and to respond accordingly?

If your answer is NO to **EITHER** of these questions, then...

- God will let you reject salvation.
- Sovereignty guarantees that you cannot escape the eternal consequences of your actions.

SALVATION?



(Concerning those who remain unsaved.)

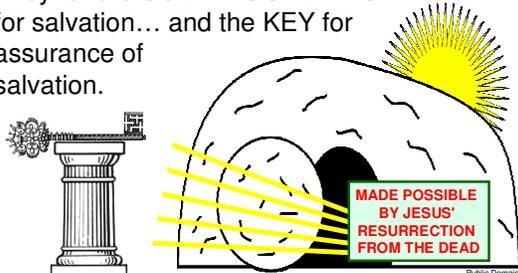
He can be himself & do things his way!

I want to be me & do things my way!

Some Scripture passages describe the unsaved as acting like senseless animals or brute beasts, simply following their own natural instincts. Examples: 2 Peter 2:12; Jude 1:10.

Sovereignty & responsibility working together

- They for the SOLID FOUNDATION for salvation... and the KEY for assurance of salvation.



BOTH working together:

Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription:

"The Lord knows those who are his," and, **"Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness."**

2 Tim. 2:19 (NIV)



There are two parts to this "inscription." Together, they form the "solid foundation."

GOD'S PART: "The Lord knows those who are his, ..."



Key concept:

- This is a "knowledge" that goes beyond the mere "awareness" that people exist.
- It indicates a special relationship and intimate fellowship with them.

What about those who are NOT "known" by God?

- If God does not "know" you, you are unsaved.
- The opposite of being "known by God" can be seen here:

Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

Matthew 7:23 (NIV)

OUR PART: "Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness."



Key concept:

- "Confess" refers to claiming that you are a follower of Jesus.
- "Turning away" refers to REPENTANCE.

What about those who do NOT "turn away" (i.e., who don't have a life characterized by repentance)?

- Everything about their salvation is **FAKE**.
- Simply stated:
IF THIS IS YOU... You are UNSAVED.

- The **opposite** of a person who "turns away" from wickedness can be seen here:

... having a form of godliness but denying its power.

2 Tim. 3:5a (NIV)

They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good.

Titus 1:16 (NIV)

Words for the **unsaved** (1)

WARNING:

- **YOU CAN'T GET AWAY WITH SIN.**
 - Sovereignty guarantees that your ultimate fate will go with your choices in this present life (not against them).

Words for the **unsaved** (2)

EXHORTATION:

- **You still have time to change.**
 - But only as long as you are alive.
- **Don't harden your heart** to the point that change is no longer possible.
 - This can happen, if you keep refusing to repent.

YOUR MISSION:

Since you belong in one of the two categories we have described...

(and there are no other options)

YOUR MISSION:

- If you have **NOT** turned away from sin:
 - Remember that God's sovereignty **GUARANTEES** *you will reap the consequences you deserve.*
 - *Don't throw away the opportunity* God gives you *to change.* Exercise your human responsibility, trusting God for the power to do so.

YOUR MISSION:

- If you **HAVE** turned away from sin:
 - *Take encouragement* in the fact that God *knows* you!
 - But *don't forget* the "human responsibility" part. Continue *to resist sin.* relying on God's power to do so.*

* If you have had genuine repentance, you have the Holy Spirit within you. You will be willing to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit (who is living within you), and will pay attention to admonitions such as this.

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