

Assured Salvation: Not Works Dependent

The doctrine of assured salvation for believers should be one we rest in, **IF** we are concerned about Salvation.

On the other side, for sons who live in oneness with the Trinity and experience their presence, support and supply, salvation isn't an issue. Like Abraham, we just live by faith, but we also draw abundant life from the King's presence in us because we are inseparable. Salvation doesn't enter our mind, because we are where we were meant to be, according to the Creator's original plan – living with and partnering with him in the management of the natural realm.

I read a publication recently which pointed out the importance of assured salvation for those who worry themselves about it, because they have nothing but religion to hang onto. Here's the author's introduction stating that we can't secure our salvation by what we do, because Jesus has secured it for us:

“The doctrine of assurance of salvation is one of the most wonderful and comforting teachings of the Bible. Yet, sadly, many Christians do not fully appreciate this doctrine because they fail to see that the outworking of their salvation is wholly in God's hands. Instead of recognising that God protects his people from the onslaughts of Satan and his minions, they believe their security depends on their own efforts. The outcome of such an approach is that they cannot be certain about their final destiny until they come to the end of their life. Such Christians pray that they might act true to their faith at the moment the Lord calls them home in the belief that their faithfulness determines their salvation. How much more joyful their life would be were they to realise the Bible says our salvation is grounded in God's faithfulness, and not our own.

One book where this doctrine of assurance of salvation is clearly taught is the Book of Revelation. Written for Christians during times of persecution the book encourages them to look to God's promise that he will protect them come what may. Yes, the book does encourage Christians to “hold on” to the faith and strive to “overcome” temptations.¹ But such tenacity and perseverance is not presented as the ground of their salvation, rather it is seen as the outworking of their salvation.”²

The author concludes this way:

Although the 144,000 are also urged to follow God wholeheartedly in “patient endurance and faithfulness”³ ultimately they are saved not because of their own faithfulness, but because of the faithfulness of the Father and the victorious Lamb.⁴

This is the comfort we discover in reading the Book of Revelation. God will protect his people, come what may. Terrible things will happen, but they are all under God's control. God's people may suffer or even lose their lives, but they need not fear. Not a single one of them will be lost to salvation.”⁵

NOTE: “Sealed to Salvation” is a Bible study on salvation, as it's found in Revelation. It's not worth reading unless you need the Bible's input to bolster your faith level.

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1 – Revelation 2:11, 17, 25, 26; 3:5, 11, 12, 21, 25

2 – Bill Berends (2006) “Sealed to Salvation: Assurance in the Book of Revelation” p:45 [from ‘Vox Reformata’ journal, 2006 p:45-56]
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3 – Revelation 13:10

4 – Revelation 1:5; 12:11; 17:14

5 – Bill Berends (2006) “Sealed to Salvation: Assurance in the Book of Revelation” p:56 [from ‘Vox Reformata’ journal, 2006 p:45-56]
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