

Gospel Imprint 5

Why Don't I Have Assurance?

1 John 5:11-13

Hymnal – 542, 545

[Introduction] Why do church goers live without assurance?

[Main]

1. It is because they do not know the new life of the saved.

- 1) A saved person is one who has confessed and accepted Jesus (John 1:12, Revelation 3:20).
- 2) The Holy Spirit is in charge of those who only serve Jesus (Romans 8:2, 1 Corinthians 3:16, 12:3).
- 3) What is the condition of those who does not have the life (Holy Spirit)?
– John 8:44, Acts 10:38, Matthew 11:28-29, 12:25, Ephesians 2:2-3, Acts 8:4-8, 16:16-18, Luke 16:19-31

2. It is because they do not know the blessings of the saved.

- 1) Liberation from disasters and punishment of sin – Ephesians 2:1 (original sin, consequential sins, ancestor's sins)
- 2) Immediate liberation from earthly burden and Satan's authority – Ephesians 2:2
- 3) Eternal liberation from the authority of hell – Ephesians 2:6
- 4) The saved manifests evidences on this earth to many generations. – Ephesians 2:7

3. It is because they don't know the privileges of the saved (Mt. 16:13-20).

- 1) The privilege of proclaiming the gospel is given only to the saints (rock – salvation, church – evangelism).
- 2) The privilege of prevailing Satan's power is given only to the saints (1 Peter 5:8, James 4:7, Luke 18:5).
- 3) The privilege of prayer answer is given only to the saints (Proverbs 16:4).

4. It is because they do not know the life style of the saved.

- 1) Life style of an unbeliever must be confirmed.
- 2) Saints must receive the guidance of the Holy Spirit – John 14:26-27, 1 Peter 5:7, Galatians 2:20, Acts. 5:1-10
- 3) There is a condition to receive the guidance of the Holy Spirit
 - (1) Center of our life must be Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17).
 - (2) Life priority must be prayer (Acts 16:13, 16).
 - (3) Whole life must be all about the Gospel proclamation (Acts 1:8).

[Conclusion] 5 assurances

Assurance of salvation, assurance of prayer answer, assurance of forgiveness, assurance of guidance, assurance of victory