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You Can Know You Are Saved

A soldier lay dying in the hospital, in terrible agony. A visitor asked him, "What church are you of?" "Of the church of Christ," he replied. "I mean of what **persuasion** are you?" "**Persuasion**," said the dying man, as his eyes looked heavenward, beaming with love to the Savior, "***I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate me from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus***" (Romans 8:38-39). The aged Apostle Paul, while in prison and facing death, declared, "***I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him***" (2 Timothy 1:12). Have you **experienced the deep inner peace and joyful assurance** of that **persuasion** through faith in Jesus and the pardon of sin?

The Bible teaches that when a sinner sincerely repents of his sin and truly accepts Jesus Christ as his Savior, a **divine response** echos through the inner recesses **of his heart!** Romans 8:16 declares, "***The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God.***" This **inner witness of the Holy Spirit** is God's way of telling us that He has forgiven us of our sins. In 2 Corinthians 1:22 we read that God gives us, "***the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.***" This word "earnest" means "a pledge, i.e. **part of the purchase given in advance** as security for the rest." The songwriter expressed it this way, "**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine.** Oh, what a **foretaste of glory divine.** Heir of salvation, **purchase of God, born of His Spirit,** washed in His blood."

You can absolutely **know**, without a shadow of a doubt, **that you are saved!** Have you experienced this **assurance of salvation?** If not, I urge you to hear my message on "**Experiencing Salvation**" at: www.naog.ws/sermons.htm