

WHY DO PEOPLE DOUBT THEIR SALVATION?

1 John 5:13

I. Root Problems

Moral Impurity: Rom 1

Bitterness: Hebrews 12:15

Pride: Prov 16:18

Temporal Values: 1 Tim 6:10

II. Not remember the _____ .

It is not remembering the exact day that saves you. It is the fact that you came to the place of repentance and called upon the Lord for salvation.

III. Lack of _____ (sin, repentance, Jesus Christ, salvation)

- Woman at the _____ Jn 4:15 sensed a need in her life for new life. Knew she was a sinner in need of living water
- Philippian _____ Acts 16 Afraid to die...didn't want to go to hell. What must I do to be saved... Acts 16:30-33
- Ethiopian _____ in Acts 8 – reading Isaiah 53:7 - 8 Wanted to understand the whole idea of Jesus being brought as a lamb to the slaughter... Phillip explained passage to him. ...about Jesus Christ...trusted Christ.
- _____ , Acts 9, Came to realization that Jesus truly the Messiah and he was persecuting Jesus, the Son of God. Made an about face from opposing Christ to accepting Christ.

Mat 7:21-23; 2 Pet 3:9; Luke 13:3 Repentance: About face, changing of mind. Attitude: Admitting I'm _____ , can't save myself, Jesus is the only one who can

ISBE: OT: ... means a radical change in one's attitude toward sin and God. It implies a conscious moral separation and a personal decision to forsake _____ and to enter into fellowship with God.

N.T. Literally signifies to have a feeling or care, concern, or regret; to turn or to have another mind. To change the opinion or purpose with regard to Sin . This word is used to express the spiritual transition from _____ to God

Wuest: Repentance "includes not only the act of changing one's attitude towards and opinion of sin but also that of _____ it. Sorrow and contrition with respect to

sin, are included in the Bible idea of repentance, but these follow and are consequent upon the sinner's change of mind with respect to it....The act of repentance is based first of all and primarily upon an intellectual apprehension of the character of sin, man's guilt with respect to it, and man's duty to turn away from it."

Attitude: 2 Cor 7:10 *For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of:*

It is not _____ Jesus to your lifestyle: (Easy Believism)

Simply saying a _____ will not save a person if there is no repentance in the heart

"Believing" according to the scriptures involves much more than simply making a statement to God.

Martyn Lloyd-Jones: Believing in the Lord Jesus Christ *"does not merely mean a statement that we believe. It does not merely mean acceptance with the intellect, or giving assent with the intellect. It means a _____ of ourselves, a committal of ourselves, the involoement of our whole personality. Accdg, then, to the Apostle's teaching, no one really can be regarded as having believed the gospel who has not repented and turned from a life of sin to a life of sin to a life of obedience to God in Jesus Christ. Surely, believing the gospel cannot mean anything less than that!"*

IV. _____ –I don't feel saved. Hebrews 6:4 – 6; Phil 1:1; Jn 10:28 - 29

1 John 5:13 *Know*: have a settled and absolute knowledge.

V. Not _____

Condemning heart. How can I be assured of something I never had to begin with?

1 John 3:20 *God is greater than my heart...*God surely feels it more than I do....*and knoweth all things...*he knows everything about us...

If our heart condemn us: have a note against...find fault with us...condemn us..point the finger at us...accuse us.

1 Jn 3:21 *Confidence*: free and unrestricted communion with God.

1 Jn 5:13 *These things have I written unto you ...*

Feelings change, but the Word of God never changes.

VI. No _____ .

Growth comes by steps of obedience. 2 Peter 1:5 – 9; 1 Pet 2:2