God's Assurance

If you died today, how sure are you that you have eternal life?

❖ Put an X on the line below that reflects your answer.



Circle where you would like your mark if it is different than where you currently are.

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Many people have attended church for years, yet they are still not absolutely certain.

- O Being sure you have Eternal Life involves knowing without a doubt that you decided to trust Jesus Christ as your Savior.
- The following Four Truths explain this important decision.

Four Truths

1. God, Our Creator, Loves Us!

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16, ESV

- . Circle the word that describes God's attitude toward us.
- ❖ Underline how God demonstrated His love.
- ❖ Circle to whom "eternal life" is offered.
- ❖ Frame what we must do to obtain "eternal life."

According to John 3:16, does God love you? ☐ Yes ☐ No

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.

I [Jesus] came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

John 10:10, ESV

- ❖ Underline *two* reasons *why* Jesus said He came.
- ❖ Frame what kind of "life" Jesus wants us to have.

Would you like to have this kind of life? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Our Sin Separated Us from God.

"For the wages [payment] of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23, NKJV

- ❖ Underline the consequence of sin.
- ❖ Circle the "gift of God."

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"

Romans 3:23, ESV

- **...** Circle how *many* people have sinned.
- ❖ Underline the result of sin.

According to Romans 3:23, are you a sinner? ☐ Yes ☐ No According to Romans 6:23, do you deserve to die? ☐ Yes ☐ No

The Five Second Gospel

- 1. God loves us.
- 2. We blew it.
- 3. Christ paid for it.
- **4.** You must receive Him.
 - ~ Judson Poling

"God loves EACH of us as if there were only ONE of us."

~ Augustine

God's Love

In John 3:16, **love** is translated from the Greek word "Agape."

- ♥ It is *selfless*, *sacrificial* love.
- ◆ Agape love is unique from other types of love, which are often *self-centered*.

SPIRITUAL DEATH

The penalty for **Sin** is **Death**.

- This death is more than just our bodies dying. It is spiritual separation from God.
- At our physical death, this separation becomes eternal.

The separation between God and Sinful Man is huge.

- We are unable to bridge it, no matter how "good" we are.
- It is as impossible as swimming from Hawaii to Los Angeles. Even the best swimmer is unable to swim 2000 miles over open ocean!
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How many sins does it take to be worthy of death? ☐ 100 sins ☐ 10 sins ☐ 1 sin	"As it is written: There is none righteous no, not one."
The verse below has the answer.	~ Romans 3:10, NIV
"For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it." James 2:10, NIV	
❖ Underline what happens if we "stumble at" (fail to obey) just one part of God's law.	Acts 4:12
Based on these verses, no one is able to perfectly keep God's law.	
3. Jesus Christ, God's Son, Died on the Cross for Our Sins!	"For Christ also suffered
"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" John 14:6, NIV	once for sins, the righteo for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God"
❖ Underline <i>three</i> things Jesus said He was.	~ 1 Peter 3:18, ESV
 ✓ The WAY: Jesus is the only path for sinners to reach heaven. ✓ The TRUTH: Jesus fulfilled all the promises and prophecies about a Savior. ✓ The LIFE: Jesus is the source of Eternal Life for all who believe in Him. 	? What is significant about
 ❖ Circle who is able to come to God without Jesus. ♦ Our sin separated us from God. ♦ Christ's death on the cross paid the penalty for our sin. ♦ That is why eternal life can only be found through Christ. 	God loving us before we eve knew or cared about Him?
"But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8, ESV	
 ❖ Circle what condition we were in when God showed "love for us." ❖ Underline how God showed His "love for us." Do you believe Jesus died for you? □ Yes □ No 	"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins,
"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, He appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time,	according to the riches of His grace." Ephesians 1:7, NKJV
most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles." 1 Corinthians 15:3-7, NIV	"Only Christ could build bridge to God
 Underline four things Christ did. Circle all the people Christ "appeared to" after rising from the dead. 	with only two pieces of wood
Do you believe God raised Christ from the dead? ☐ Yes ☐ No	~ Anonymous
"God must either INFLICT punishment or ASSUME it.	

And He chose the <u>latter course</u>, as honoring the law **while** saving the guilty.

He took His own judgment.

~ P. T. Forsyth

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4. We must receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

"If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,'
and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."
Romans 10:9, NIV

❖ Underline *two* things we must do to be saved.

"Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God."

John 1:12, NIV

❖ Underline *two* things we must do to "become children of God."

"Receiving Christ" Involves . . .

- O believing in Jesus Christ as your Lord (spiritual leader) and Savior.
- O trusting in all He has done on the Cross to purchase your forgiveness.
- O repenting of your sins and asking God to help you live in a way that pleases Him.

Would you like to receive Christ into your life? ☐ Yes ☐ No

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us...."

Titus 3:5, NKJV

❖ Frame how "He saved us."

"For by grace you have been saved through faith.

And this is not your own doing;

it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

Ephesians 2:8-9, ESV

- . Circle how we are saved.
- ❖ Underline why God choose to save us through "faith" instead of "works."

Satan's Greatest Success

is in making people think they have <u>plenty of time</u> before they die to consider their eternal welfare.

~ John Owen

Receiving Christ

Have you personally received Jesus Christ as your Savior and trusted Him to forgive your sins? If not, would you like to do that?



You can make this all-important decision now! Just pray something similar to this prayer.

"Dear Jesus, I confess I have sinned against you and need your forgiveness.

Thank you for dying on the cross in my place for my sins.

I receive you into my life and trust in You alone as my Savior and Lord.

Help me live in a way that pleases You. Amen!"

It is not the words that are important, but our faith.

We trust Christ will forgive our sins because He promised He would.

"For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."
Romans 10:13. NKJV

? What does **John 3:36** say is the way to have eternal life?

"... Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved..."

Acts 16:31, NKJV

REPENT

- Repent means you are sorry for doing wrong.
- Plus, you are willing to change your future actions.
- That is why Paul "...preached that they should repent and turn to God and demonstrate their repentance by their deeds."

 (Acts 26:20, NIV)

? Why do you think God has based eternal life on our faith rather than our works?

"He who created us without our HELP, will <u>not</u> save us without our CONSENT."

~ Augustine

Luke 15:7 & 15:10 describe the "Joy in Heaven" when one sinner repents!

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Assurance of Eternal Life

"Most assuredly, I [Jesus] say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life." John 6:47, NKJV

❖ Put a star before the words "most assuredly."

Jesus wanted Christians to be certain about having Eternal Life!

"And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son [Jesus].

Whoever has the Son has life;

whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life."

1 John 5:11-13, ESV

- . Circle what God gave us.
- ❖ Underline where "eternal life" is found.
- Frame what a person has if he has Jesus.
- ❖ Frame what a person does not have if he does not have Jesus.

According to this passage, can a person know for sure he has Eternal Life?

- ❖ Underline this passage's answer to this question.
- ❖ Circle who can know they have "eternal life."

Have you asked Christ to come into your life? ☐ Yes ☐ No

ETERNAL LIFE

- O is not based on how "good" we are or how we feel.
- O is only based on our faith in Jesus Christ.

Notice that **1 John 5:11-13** is written to those who "believe in the name of the Son of God."

APPLICATION

We will close with the same question we began with...

If you died today, are you sure you have Eternal Life?

"I am absolutely sure I have Eternal Life through Jesus Christ, God's Son. If I died today, I KNOW I would be in Heaven with God."

Date Signature

• If you are still not sure you have Eternal Life, review 1 John 5:11-13 above.

- Discuss any additional questions with your Pastor or Bible study leader.
- It is important to understand this lesson for it is the foundation of all the others!



We use **duct tape** to fix things.

God used NAILS.

~ Unknown

BIBLE Example

The **Apostle Paul** is a great example of a Christian who was bold about his faith!

Paul said, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek."

(Romans 1:16, NKJV)

"The only thing of <u>our very own</u> which we contribute to our salvation is the **SIN** which makes it necessary."

~ William Temple

John 10:28-29

PRAYER

Father, I praise You for promising eternal life to all who believe in Jesus!
I'm grateful that You made a way for me to become Your child! Amen.

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