

# The Deadly Danger of False Assurance

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Introduction:

**Ephesians 5:5-7** For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. **6** Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. **7** Therefore do not be partakers with them.

## #1 Reject the practical \_\_\_\_\_ errors about assurance

## #2 Reject the \_\_\_\_\_ errors about assurance

**John 6:37** All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.

**John 10:28** I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand.

**Romans 8:29** For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren; **30** and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

**John 10:27** My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

ETERNAL SECURITY	ASSURANCE OF SALVATION
Positional truth	Practical truth
The Father's ministry	The Holy Spirit's ministry
For all true believers	For all obedient believers
Once for all	Ongoing
Fact	Feeling
Reality	Realization

**Galatians 5:19** Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, **20** strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, **21** envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you just as I have forewarned you that those who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

**Hebrews 12:6** For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, And He scourges every son whom He receives. **7** It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? **8** But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

**1 Corinthians 11:27** Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. **28** But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. **29** For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly. **30** For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep.

## #3 Reject the \_\_\_\_\_ errors about assurance

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reject the error of the \_\_\_\_\_ Christian category

**1 Corinthians 3:1** And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to babes in Christ. **2** I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able to receive it. Indeed, even now you are not yet able, **3** for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men?

**Romans 8:13** for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

**1 Corinthians 5:11** I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he should be an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler—not even to eat with such a one.

**1 Corinthians 6:9** Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reject the error of the \_\_\_\_\_ Christian

**Revelation 3:16** So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth. **17** Because you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked, **18** I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire, that you may become rich, and white garments, that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes, that you may see. **19** Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; be zealous therefore, and repent.

## #4 Embrace the \_\_\_\_\_ of the false decoy assurance

Matthew 13: **Wheat and Tares**

Matthew 13: **The soils**

**Judas**

**Demas**

**Philemon 1:24** as do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, my fellow workers.

**Colossians 4:14** Luke, the beloved physician, sends you his greetings, and also Demas.

**2 Timothy 4:10** for Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica.

**Diotrephes**

**3 John 1:9** Diotrephes, who loves to be first among them, does not accept what we say. **10** For this reason, if I come, I will call attention to his deeds which he does, unjustly accusing us with wicked words; and not satisfied with this, neither does he himself receive the brethren, and he forbids those who desire to do so, and puts them out of the church. **11** Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. The one who does good is of God; the one who does evil has not seen God.

Take Home:

### 1<sup>st</sup> Evaluate your own \_\_\_\_\_ against true assurance

**2 Corinthians 13:5** Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test?

**2 Peter 1:8** For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9** For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins. **10** Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Do not \_\_\_\_\_ in heart with too much self-evaluation

1 – You'll never be **PERFECT**

2 – Check your **HEART** desire

3 – Look for **FRUIT**

#### QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH IN CHRIST

1. How do we see false assurance manifested in churches today?
2. How can I best communicate the truth of true assurance to those who are trusting in a false assurance?
3. How do I know that I am genuinely saved?
4. What steps do I need to take this week to gain assurance and communicate to others who are trusting in false assurance?

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