

The Knowledge of Salvation: Certainty

“For by grace are ye saved through [on the principle of] faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man [anyone] should boast” (Eph.2:8,9).

How can I be sure that I have the right kind of faith? Well, dear reader, have your confidence in the **right Person!**—In the *Son of God*. It isn't a question of the amount of your faith, but of the trustworthiness of the Person in whom you place your confidence. One man takes hold of Christ with a drowning man's grip, while another only touches the hem of His garment, but **both are equally safe**. They both have confidence and rest in the eternal effectiveness of His finished work. That is believing on Him.

Make sure that your confidence is not based on your works, religious observances or feelings or even moral training. You may have the strongest faith in such things and still eternally perish. The *feeblest faith in Christ* eternally saves, while the strongest faith in self is of no value before God nor of any use in saving the soul.

“I do believe on Him”, said a girl to me one day. She continued, “but when asked if I'm saved, I don't like to say ‘Yes’ for fear I might be lying.” This dear girl was the daughter of a small town butcher. Her father had not yet returned from the market as we talked.

So I said to her, “Now, suppose you ask your father how many sheep he bought today, and he tells you “ten”. Then, later, someone asks you how many sheep your father bought at the market today and you reply, “Well I don't want to say for fear I might be lying”! Her mother who standing by listening to our conversation indignantly replied, “Why my dear, that would be making your father a liar!”

In like manner this dear girl was making Christ a liar by saying, “I believe on Him but I don't like to say I'm saved because I might be lying” when Christ **has already said**, “*He who believes on Me has everlasting life*” (Jn 6:47).

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