

“Confirming Your Reservation”

1 John 5:11-12

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Some people give very little thought to the most important reservation of their life. Eternity is not something that just happens automatically when we leave this world.

What are some of the false assurances of salvation?

1. I believe in God.

A good place to start; an

_____ place to remain

James 2:19

You believe there is one God? Good, even the demons believe that--and shudder.

2. I'm basically a good person.

The _____ approach to eternity.

Isaiah 64:6

All of us have become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;

3. I attend church and pray often.

The religion _____ there answer.

Ephesians 2:8-9

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

4. I was baptized and/or confirmed.

These are only _____ of spiritual reality.

This is what the Bible says about the genuine assurances of salvation.

1. There is the historical reality of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

I John 1:1-3. Jesus is either a liar, a lunatic, or the living

2. There is the volitional reality of our personal commitment to Jesus Christ.

This is really the _____ issue.

Romans 10:9, 10

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

Romans 5:6-9; John 14:6; John 5:24; I John 5:1

I John 5:11-12- And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Receiving Christ as your savior is like A-B-C.

Acknowledge my sin and need for forgiveness

Believe that Jesus has died in my place

Commit my life to him and follow him as my Lord

Dear Lord, I confess that my sins have separated me from you. I believe that Jesus died in my place to pay for my sins. Thank you for forgiving me. I commit my life to Jesus to follow him as Lord. Thank you for giving me eternal life, and the power to live as a follower of Jesus Christ. Amen

3. There is the personal reality of our changed lives.

I John 3:18-19

4. There is the spiritual reality of the Holy Spirit's testimony in us.

I John 4:13; Rom. 8:15, 16