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UNIT 1

« THE WAY OF LIFE »

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LESSON 7: THE ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

REMINDER

Dear student,

We are happy for the interest that this course has produced in you.

The purpose of our Bible Correspondence Course is to help you to find the Lord Jesus. This first series of this Bible course comprises seven lessons based on the book entitled “The Way of Life”. As you begin to study, we encourage you to press on right to the end.

We particularly insist that you get a Bible that you will read systematically. If you fail to do this, then this course might not be of full benefit to you. All the Bible passages quoted should be carefully read.

Our prayer is that by the time you finish studying these lessons, you would have entered into a living relationship with Jesus so that you will truly begin to live.

May God bless you richly!

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INTRODUCTION

When some people are asked if they have the assurance of salvation, some who say that they are Christians declare that they do not know, and one can only be sure of salvation at the return of the Lord Jesus. Others say that, to declare that one is saved or that one will never go to hell is being presumptuous.

Dear friend, I want to tell you that if you are not sure that you are saved, the probability that you are truly not saved is very high. The probability that you are not born again is very high. In fact, talking of those who are born again, the Bible declares that it is the Spirit (the Holy Spirit) himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God. (See Romans 8: 16). If you do not have the Holy Spirit in your heart to bear this testimony, it simply means that you have never been converted, that you have never become a true Christian. I do not want to give a false assurance to the unconverted. It is a normal thing, that an unconverted person has no assurance of salvation, for in reality, he is not saved.

Meanwhile some true children of God, due to some occasional spiritual failures, doubt their salvation; these same people are very sure of their salvation when they are getting on well or when the same are victorious in the spiritual domain. No, it shouldn't be so; doubt comes from the enemy, the devil. To be a child of God is not an occasional thing. It is a permanent thing. Better still, it is a second nature. One becomes a child of God once for all. Who are the saved, but those that have become the children of God? From childhood, I was very crooked and unfaithful vis-à-vis my father, but I didn't stop being my father's son.

Today I am in very good terms with my father. I even have the joy of having his deepest confidence. If my father, a weak man, could bear me during the period when I disappointed him, and always renewed his confidence in me, how much more God, the Father of all mercies, will He not keep the new covenant which gives us the power to become

and be called the children of God? We do not ignore the fact that the apostle Peter disappointed his master more than once, but this did not stop the Lord from loving and renewing his confidence in Peter. (John 18: 25-26; John 21: 15-17).

In the following lines, I want to tell you, if you did not know or to remind you with vigour, so that you may never forget that God never repents of His calling or of His gifts (cf. Romans 11: 29) and that in no day will he change His mind about your call. You must know this in order to resist the devil, the father of lies and work for your God with worthiness of heirs (princes) and you are one.

1. THE NEED FOR FULL SALVATION

It is God's will that all who have been made into new creatures through union with the Lord Jesus in His death, resurrection and exaltation should know for certain that they have eternal life and therefore will never perish. This assurance that they have permanently passed from death into life in Christ ; that the Lord will surely keep them to the end ; that because they are in Christ they will surely be in heaven, is the right of the true believer and ought to enter into his full inheritance.

This knowledge of the assurance that the Lord will keep the true believer until the end is important for the following reasons:

1.2. It leads to rest in the Lord

Without the assurance of salvation, there is no rest in the Lord. A believer who has no assurance of salvation continues to strive in the energy of the flesh to please God so as to be saved some day. His service for the Lord is not out of the joy of salvation but out of the fear that he may be cast away. Such cannot truly love the Lord; for perfect love casts out fear. With

assurance of salvation, God's new creation sets out to please the Lord out of gratitude for so complete but unmerited salvation. Such service is pure and flows freely. If a woman is married to a man whom she fears may divorce her someday, she can never be totally at peace at home. Jesus calls His children to rest and peace. He says "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid" (John 14: 27).

1.3. It leads to total commitment to the Lord

When a believer knows that he belongs to the Lord Jesus now and will belong to Him through all eternity, he will give his all to the Lord Jesus out of gratitude. He will serve Him more fully and without any reservations whatsoever. Again, think of a woman who knows for certain that her marriage will stand the tests of time and trials. Such a woman will give her all to her husband and serve him more devotedly. On the other hand the woman who is afraid that someday through some fault on her part she would be sent away from marriage will never give her all into the relationship. She will keep something back so that if the marriage ever breaks, she will not be completely broken but can start all over again.

1.4. Jesus has promised to keep His own to the end:

Not to know this or worse to doubt Him is to sin deeply.

2. THE NEED FOR TRUE CONVERSION

Before we consider in detail the assurance of salvation that is found in the Lord Jesus, we want to make it clear that what we want to say here does not apply to everybody. There are false conversions! There are many who make some

confession of faith and even seem to show some apparent evidence of the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives but who are not truly born again. To assure such of eternal security in the Lord Jesus would be a drastic lie because they are not at all in the Lord Jesus.

Of the soils on which the sower's seeds fell, three were useless for God (cf. Matthew 4: 1-20). The seed on the road never germinated at all. That was never truly good soil. It was useless. That on the stony ground germinated and for some time seemed to be going on but it too died off to show that it was never really true. That which fell amongst thorns was choked. It never produced. It too was not genuine. Only that which was on the good soil bore fruit. That alone represents genuine conversion.

We state very categorically that this message on assurance applies only to those who are the good soil. These hear the word, accept it and bear fruit (Mark 4 : 19); Human beings might have mistaken the stony soil and the thorny soil for good soil but God makes no mistakes "The Lord knows those who are his" (II Timothy 2:19).

So, full assurance is for those who are genuine: those who are known by the Lord as His.

Such people make a total response to the Lord with their wills, mind, (understanding) and affections (emotion). Many people are committed in their wills and emotions but they do not understand, so they cannot go far. Others are committed in their understanding and emotion but their wills are not committed and so they do not go far. Others still are committed in their understanding and will but their emotions are not committed so they fail.

Let us look at three classic examples from the word of God.

2.1. The rich young ruler (Mark 10:17-22)

1. His affections were committed. He fell at the feet of Jesus and worshipped Him.

2. His understanding, (will) was committed. He knew what the law said and knew that something more had to be done. That is why he came to the Lord.

3. His will was not committed. Jesus knew this and He made a prescription that was aimed at having his will committed. He said to him, "you lack one thing; go sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasures in heaven; and come follow me" (Mark 10: 21). Was his will involved in his decision to have eternal life? Was he willing? No. He was not willing. He understood well, he had the right feelings but "at that saying his countenance fell, and he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions" (Mark 10: 22). Many modern evangelists would have welcomed him into the "kingdom". They would have assured him of salvation although he was not saved.

Many pastors would have later called him a backslider. However he had never been saved. He had never slid into the kingdom. May I ask you if your will was involved in your commitment? If not you are not a child of God. If you are not prepared to obey Jesus in all the details of your life now, you do not belong to Him. Again, may I ask you, "Is your will committed"?

2.2. The scribe

"And a scribe came up and said to Him, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go. And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man has nowhere to lay his head" (Matthew 8: 19-20).

1. His will was committed. He wanted to follow Jesus Everywhere.
2. His affections were committed.

3. His understanding was not committed. Therefore Jesus said to him, "I have no home. If you follow me you too will have no home. I have no visible means of support. If you follow me you too will have no visible means of support; he had to understand what it would cost. Did he understand it?"

2.3. The disciple

"Another of the disciples said to Him, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father, "But Jesus said to Him, "Follow me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead"(Matthew 8: 21-22).

1. His will was committed,

2. His understanding was committed,

3. His affections were not committed. They were tangled up. Part of him yearned for Jesus and part for his parents. Jesus was saying to him, "your emotions are confused. Sort them out. Is it me you want or your parents? If you want me, let the dead bury the dead".

So, as you see, Jesus demanded total commitment from all those who would follow Him. Accepted no half-measures. He coaxed nobody. He begged no one to come. He invited all who would come to Him to count the cost! Because the Lord knows human beings, He looks deeper. When he was in Jerusalem at the Passover feast many believed in his name when they saw the signs which He did. BUT JESUS DID NOT COMMIT HIMSELF TO THEM BECAUSE HE KNEW ALL MEN AND NEEDED NO ONE TO BEAR WITNESS OF MAN. HE HIMSELF KNEW WHAT WAS IN MAN " (John 2: 23-25)

The Lord considers as saved those who respond to Him with their wills, understanding and affections. If anyone is still deliberately practising sin, that is, knowing that something is sin and yet going ahead to carry it out, may he be warned. These are very strong indications that he is not a child of God. The Bible says, "Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that He appeared to

take away sins, and in Him there is no sin. NO ONE who abides in Him sins; no one who sins has either seen Him or known Him. Little children, let no one deceive you.

He who does right is righteous, as He is righteous. He who commits sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The reason the son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. No one born of God commits sin; for God's nature abides in him, and he cannot sin because he is born of God. By this it may be seen who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil. Whoever does not do right is not of God, nor he who does not love his brother" (I John 3: 4-10).

If you have parted with all known sins and are by God's grace living in fellowship with the Lord Jesus and with your whole heart you are determined to love Him to the end, I assure you on the basis of God's word that you are eternally secure in the arms of the Lord Jesus. Below are solid reasons from the word of God on which to base your assurance.

3. REASONS OF FULL ASSURANCE

3.1. The foreknowledge of God

You did not become a believer by some accident. God knew from the foundations of the world that you would be born and would receive Christ. He accepted from the very foundations of the world to come and dwell in you. He cannot change His mind in time about decisions that were taken in eternity! He foreknew you with your peculiar weaknesses and failures, yet He ordained that in Christ you would come into a saving knowledge of Him. That foreknowledge and fore-ordination, He has now accomplished in practice by bringing you to a knowledge of His Son. Nothing can destroy God's fore-ordained purpose. The word of God says, "For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to

the image of His Son, in order that He might be the first-born among many brethren. And those He called He also justified; and those He justified He also glorified" (Romans 8: 29-30). Notice that it is the work of God from start to finish. He foreknew; He predestined; He called; He justified; He glorified. He did not foreknow you as a wonderful person. He foreknew you as a sinner; as a rebel. He did not predestine you because you were wonderful; rather He did it because you were helpless. He did not call you because you were very special. His love did it. You stand now in Christ justified not because of your wonderful spirituality but because of His unchanging love. He who has done all the rest by His own free choice will surely complete that which He will glorify you when Jesus comes. You should worship Him for so mighty a salvation wrought on the behalf by Him.

The Bible says, "Even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. He destined us in love to be his sons through Jesus-Christ, according to the purpose of His will" (Ephesians 1: 4-5). The apostle Paul talked of his election in the following, "But when he who set me apart before I was born, and had called me though his grace was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood" (Galatians 1 : 15-16). The Lord said of Jeremiah, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations" (Jeremiah 1: 5).

God knew you before you existed as a physical reality and His purpose for you was formed and established then. That purpose was that by His grace you might come to a knowledge of His Son and through Him be saved eternally. That purpose of God will stand for God's purposes cannot be thwarted. Job could say of the Lord, "I know that thou canst do all things, and that no purpose of thine can be thwarted" (Job 42: 2). The devil and all in the world cannot thwart God's

purpose of not only justifying you but also glorifying you. You see, if God wanted to save you and actually gave you faith to believe in Christ but could not save you to the finish, He would be a weak God. However, He is not weak. He is able for all time to save those who draw near to God through Him ; since he also always lives to make intercession for them" (Hebrews 7 : 25).

3.2. The great salvation of God

You have been saved with a great salvation. While you were yet a sinner, rebellious and hostile to God, He out of mercy chose you unto salvation. He says "You did not chose me but I chose you" (John 15: 16). He chose you not because of any special merit but because of His love for you. From the beginning, he saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God - not because of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9). You were saved by grace through faith. The faith was not something that originated in you. It was a gift of God. The one thing that you contributed in your salvation was your sins and God contributed everything else.

If you were saved on the basis of works, then you would have cause to fear that when your works do not measure up to the required specifications you will be rejected. But thanks be to God! It all depended on the gift of God to an undeserving sinner - the gift of faith. God does not repent of His gifts. The apostle said, "For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable" (Romans 11: 29).

God does not just change us partially. He does not carry an external work. He changes from inside. He imparts His own nature to the repentant sinner. How can someone who truly bears the nature of God ever perish? No. Your salvation is deep and thorough and He has given you His Holy Spirit as a guarantee that He will complete the work that He has begun in you. The Bible wants you to be confident of the fact that; "He

who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus-Christ" (Philippians 1: 6). The apostle wants you to be confident of that fact. Are you?

If God did not mean to save you to the end, He would not have started at all for that would be terrible waste of time. He knew you just as you are and decided that He would save you right to the end. He has begun with you and in you. He will finish. Praise the Lord!

3.3. The commitment of Christ.

The Lord Jesus said, "All that the father gives me will come to me; and him who comes to me, I will not cast out» (John 6:37). You were given to Christ by the father. Christ will ensure that He does not lose you. Will the devil frustrate the purpose of Christ to save you to the end? No. He cannot. He will try but the Lord Jesus is stronger than him. Jesus said of the disciples, "while I was with them, I kept them in thy name, which thou hast given me ; I have guarded them and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scriptures might be fulfilled" (John 17 : 12). Jesus kept all the disciples even Peter who denied Him. He could have kept even Judas had it not been that he let him go so that the scriptures might be fulfilled.

Jesus is committed to keeping you. You will not perish. Rejoice in Him.

3.4. The secure arms of Jesus and the Father.

The Lord Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice and I know them, and they follow me; and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand. My Father who has given them to me is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the father's hand" (John 10: 27-29).

You are in Jesus' hand. That is enough security already. To add to it, the hand of Jesus is in the Father's hand. You are doubly secured there. Keep listening to the voice of Jesus and keep following Him and your security is fully settled.

There in the hand of Jesus, no one can snatch you. To get at you the person or thing will first have to destroy and overpower the Father. After that he will have to destroy the hand of Jesus. Only after that can he get at you. Dearest brother, "is there someone or something that can over-power God and the Lord Jesus? No! There is no such thing. The word of God says, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril or sword? As it is written "For thy sake we are being killed all the day long. We are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered. "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor things present, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:35-39). The apostle said that he was sure. Are you sure? You should be.

Nothing else (including the devil) will separate you from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus. You are wonderfully secure.

3.5. The fact of eternal life.

The apostle John wrote, "And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the son has life. I write this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life" (I John 5: 11-13).

Do you have the Son of God in you? If your answer is "yes" then you have eternal life. If your answer is "no" then you have eternal death. If you have eternal life, it means you have

God's life in full measure. Anything that can end is not eternal life. Eternal life means partly that it has no end in time. If you, a child of God could perish, it would mean that what you had, was not eternal life. But God has given you eternal life. Be sure that you will always have it in Christ. Know that you have it and act with the authority of someone who will never perish.

God gave his only Son so that you should not perish. If after you have received the Son of God into your heart you should then go and perish with Him in you, then something would be seriously wrong with God's purpose.

3.6 The fact of the indwelling Spirit.

At the moment of conversion, God puts His Holy Spirit in us. The indwelling Holy Spirit is the guarantee of our inheritance. The word of God says, "In Him also, who have heard the word of the truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit which is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory" (Ephesians 1 : 13-14). "For all the promises of God find their yes in him. That is why we utter the Amen through Him, to the glory of God. But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; he has put his seal upon us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee" (II Corinthians 1: 20-22). "For while we are still in this tent, we sigh with anxiety ; not that in this tent, we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee" (II Corinthians 5: 4-5).

You have the Holy Spirit in you. That is a guarantee that you will not perish. You have the life of God in you. You are eternal. God set out to prepare you for Himself that He might have you as a bride for His Son. Rejoice in this.

3. What if you fall into sin?

If you fall into sin you should immediately confess the sin, forsake it and keep going on with the Lord Jesus. The Bible says, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just, and will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us" (I John 1: 8-10).

If you enjoy sin and continue to practise it, you should rest assured that you are a child of the devil and will perish unless you repent.

5. Saved? Eternally secure in Christ? Any Responsibility?

To be eternally secure in Christ carries with it very serious consequences. The Bible says, "He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be Holy and blameless before Him" (Ephesians 1: 4). Your election to cooperate with the Holy Spirit of God so that He renders you holy and blameless in Christ, you will find out that your election to salvation is without meaning for you are saved from sin. To continue to sin and proclaim your eternal security is noise making, you must be as holy for He who called you is Holy.

You were ordained unto eternal life. You were also ordained unto good works. The Bible says, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God has prepared beforehand, that we should work in them" (Ephesians 2: 10). You are saved for good works. You are predestined unto good works. You are destined to obey the Lord in all things. If the good works are not forthcoming; if your character is not increasingly resembling that of the Lord Jesus and if there are no souls being brought into the kingdom,

nor an increasing prayer life, then you are most likely not a child of God and this assurance does not apply to you.

God's grace to you must not be in vain. The apostle Paul said, «For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am, and his grace towards me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me" (I Corinthians 15: 9-10). To be eternally secure in Christ means that you determine to work harder for Christ than anyone else, yet you realize that it is not you working but the grace of God in you. Praise the Lord!

6. What if you doubt your salvation?

Doubts are from the devil. Resist them. Look away from yourself. Trust the Lord Jesus. He has made definite promises concerning you. He will not change His mind. You have been born into His family. He will see you through. The devil will ask for you that he may sift you like wheat but the Lord will pray for you. He has prayed for you. He is constantly interceding for you and the Father cannot say "No" to any subject of His intercession. He loves you. He loved you while you were His enemy. He will not leave you now that you are His child. He has prepared a place for you. He will surely come and take you so that where He is, you may be also. Glory, Glory, Glory be to His name. He is wonderful. You too are wonderful to Him.

WHAT SHOULD BE RETAINED?

We have clearly seen that it is God who created the world and all that is in it, and that, man, God's privileged creature, was created to have special fellowship with His creator. Through his disobedience, man broke the fellowship he had with God, and it didn't take long for him to realise that he could not

continue without God. Because of this, he undertook many efforts to regain the happiness which was his before the degradation of his relationship with God. These efforts only led him into frustration since man cannot return to God through his personal efforts. Human efforts cannot re-establish fellowship between man and his creator.

God in his love, provided for man's ultimate need by sending His Son Jesus, who came into the world and died for the sins of humanity, thus inaugurating the only door to God. All those who accept Him, receive forgiveness for their sins and the power to become new creatures, also known as children of God, are destined for an eternal fellowship with God.

We have seen that the children of God are men and women who are born again, born of God, and in this position, they are called to terminate with their past life which did not glorify God. Those who call themselves children of God but have not put an end to the different aspects of their lives as enumerated in lesson 6 behave like enemies of the gospel. To be clear, the assurance of salvation which we have earlier talked about is for those who have not only believed in Jesus, but who are truly converted, love the Lord Jesus, and the Bible says that those who love Him, keep His commandments.

In reality, the new birth is only the starting point on the way of the Christian. Our relationship with God has to be maintained by an absolute obedience. All those who truly belong to Him, obey Him. God's commandments are not burdensome for whoever is born of Him. But if you have not yet become a child of God that means you are not born of Him, there are four things to think about and act upon if you want God to forgive and give you eternal life. These things are represented by the first four letters of alphabet: A, B, C, D.

ADMIT that you are a sinner by nature and by practice, and that on your own you are without hope. Tell God that you

have personally sinned against Him in your thoughts, words and actions. In a sincere prayer, confess all your sins to Him one after the other. Do not omit any sin that you can remember. It may be helpful if you write out your sins on sheets of paper and then burn them after God has forgiven you. In doing so, you must be truly sorry for them, since they pierce God's heart. Then, truly turn your back to and abandon your sinful ways. If you stole, steal no more. If you have been committing adultery or fornication, stop it. God will not forgive you if you have no desire to stop sinning in all the areas of your life; He will give you power to stop.

BELIEVE that Jesus-Christ, who is God's Son, is the only Way, the only Truth and the only Life. Jesus said "I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father but by me" (John 14: 6), and the Bible says, "For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all" (1Timothy 2: 5-6). If you believe this, you are also rejecting every other system or philosophy that suggest that a man can be reconciled to God outside of a personal relationship with Jesus-Christ. If you believe in Jesus-Christ, you will want to receive Him, he gave them the power to become the children of God" (John 1: 12). But,

CONSIDER the cost of following Him. Jesus said that all who will follow Him must deny themselves. This includes selfish financial, social and other interests. He also wants His followers to take up their crosses and follow Him. Are you prepared to abandon your own interests daily for those of Christ? Are you prepared to be led in new directions by Him? Are you prepared to suffer for Him and die for Him if need be? Jesus said, "Think not that I have come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace but a sword...and a man's enemies shall be they of his household. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or

daughter more than me is not worthy of me” (Matthew 10: 34-38).

This is very costly, but God’s gifts, peace, joy, eternal life, etc., are far greater than whatever it may cost you. You do well to choose Him. Jesus will have nothing to do with half-hearted people. He demands a total commitment. He will only receive and forgive those who are prepared to follow Him AT ANY COST. Think about it and count the cost. If you are prepared to follow Him come what may, there is something you must

DO INVITE Jesus to come into your heart and life. He says, “Behold, I stand at the door and knock, if any one hears my voice and opens the door (to his heart and life), I will come in to him and eat with him and he with me” (Revelation 3: 20). Why not pray like this one, or another one as the Holy Spirit leads you. *“Lord Jesus, I am a wretched, lost sinner who has sinned in thought, word and deed. Forgive me all my sins and cleanse me. Receive me, Saviour, and give me eternal life. I will follow you at all cost, trusting Your Holy Spirit to give me all the power that I need. Amen”*.

If you have prayed the above prayer sincerely, then Jesus has forgiven you and God’s child right away. Please write to me so that I am pray for you.

May God bless you abundantly!

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Course n° 2 entitle *"The way of obedience"* will treat the fundamental points on this broad topic on obedience in the Christian life.

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QUESTIONNAIRE LESSON 7: “THE WAY OF LIFE”

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LESSON 7: THE ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

QUESTIONNAIRE

SECTION 1: Read Matthew 4: 18-22 and Matthew 16: 13-20.

Jesus and Peter who choose the other?

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1. Who revealed Christ to Peter?

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2. Is it possible for a person to know God by himself?

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3. What does it mean to be a child of God?

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4. How can a person know that he is a child of God?
(Bible reference).

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6. Is it possible to be born again twice? In which case?

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SECTION 2: Read Luke 22: 31-62.

5. Who was the foremost apostle?

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6. Did he love the Lord? (Bible reference)

7. How many times did Peter deny the Lord?

10. Is it possible to love the Lord really and deny Him?

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11. Did the Lord know that Peter would deny Him?

12. What then did He do to prevent the worst that could have happened?

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13. Had Peter lost the faith? Justify your answer?

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14. Did Peter plan to deny the Lord?

15. What promise did he make to the Lord?

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16. Did he keep his promise?

17. What did Peter do when the Lord turned pack and looked at him?

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18. Is it possible for a child of God to sin?

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19. Is it possible for a child of God to enjoy sin?

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20. Did the Lord change His mind about the place He had granted to Peter? Why? (Bible references)

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21. If you were Peter, what lesson could you have drawn from that incident?

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22. Who is the author of your salvation?

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23. Who is the accomplisher of your salvation?

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24. Why can Jesus save perfectly those who come near to God through Him?

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SECTION 3

25. Quote in tree sentences, three reasons why the believer should be fully sure of his salvation

- a)
- b)
- c)

26. Quote the marks of a true conversion.

- a).....
- b).....
- c).....

27. What did the rich young ruler lack?

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28. How could he have filled up that lack?

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29. Why didn't the Lord accept the scribe when he offered to follow Him? What did he lack?

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30. Was the disciple totally committed to the Lord?

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31. When did God establish you in his salvation?

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32. When did you personally receive from the Lord your salvation?

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33. On what basis did God establish you in eternal life?

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34. What role should good works play in your salvation?

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35. Why is it impossible to take you out of the hand of Christ?

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36. Point out things that can separate you from God's love manifested in Jesus Christ.

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37. What is eternal life?

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38. Have you eternal life? Since when?

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39. Is it possible for you to lose eternal life because of an error on your part?

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40. Does the Holy-Spirit dwell in you? If yes, since when?

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41. What is the role of the Holy-Spirit in you?

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42. Have you ever sinned since you believed?

43. What must you do if you fall into sin?

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44. Did your salvation end when you fall into sin?

45. What is the difference between falling into sin and practising sin?

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46. Would your salvation be confirmed if you were continually enjoying sin?

47. Point out three responsibilities of people whose salvation is assured in Christ.

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48. What must you do if you have doubts about your salvation?

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49. Quote the seven lessons on the way of life

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50. Do you have something else to say about this first series of lessons?

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