

In Full Assurance

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Assurance

Firm persuasion; full confidence or trust; freedom from doubt; certain expectation; the utmost certainty. Firmness of mind; undoubting steadiness; intrepidity.

Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart **in full assurance** of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

Hebrews 10:19-23

The Three Key Ingredients to Full Assurance

1. Faith
2. The Power of God
3. The Nature of God

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Hebrews 11:6

Ingredient #1 - Faith

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1 Corinthians 2:5

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Introducing Faith (a.k.a. - Ingredient #1)

It says in Hebrews 11:6 that “without *faith* it is impossible to please God.” Then again in Galatians 5:6, “the only thing that counts is *faith* expressing itself in

love.” And yet again in Ephesians 2:8, “You are saved by grace through *faith*.”

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That **whosoever believes** in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that **whosoever believes** in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. **He that believes** on him is not condemned: but **he that believes not** is condemned already, because **he hath not believed** in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (John 3:14-18) **He that believes** on the Son hath everlasting life: and **he that believes not** the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abides on him. (John 3:36) Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that hears my word, and believes** on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. (John 5:24) Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that **ye believe** on him whom he hath sent. (John 6:29) And this is the will of him that sent me, that **every one which sees the Son, and believes** on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day. (John 6:40) And by him **all that believe** are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses. (Acts 13:39) And they said, **Believe** on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. (Acts 16:31) For with the heart man **believes** unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (Romans 10:10) That the blessing of Abraham might come

on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit **through faith**. (Galatians 3:14) But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given **to them that believe**. (Galatians 3:22) **He that believes** on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: **he that believes not** God hath made him a liar; because **he believes not** the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. (1 John 5:10-12)

The Power of God (a.k.a. - Ingredient #2)

The focus of faith

That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, **but in the power of God**.

1 Corinthians 2:5

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Romans 1:16-17

The Power of God = The Gospel of Christ

The Power of God = The Work of the Cross

The Power of God = The Ability of Christ to Save

A Quick Meditation on the Power of God

For God so wants you
For God so loves you
For God so yearned to set you free

. . . that He gave His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ
And Jesus Christ lived the life you couldn't live yourself
He lived in perfect righteousness without the spot of sin upon Him
And then, in your place, He died your criminal's death,
He took the just punishment that was rightfully yours to bear,
and He bore the wrath of God that your sin deserved . . .

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God so loves you
God so yearned to see you free

That He suffered for you.
He died for you.
And His death legally absolved you from the penalty of your sin.
His death annulled the power of the flesh in your life.
His death offered you liberty from the controlling faction of the Law of Sin and Death.
His death set you free from the power of darkness,
it finished the legal work of justice and wrath
and accomplished the perfect work of righteousness
That whosoever looks upon this Perfect Justifying, Redeeming,
Purifying, Cleansing, Forgiving, Sanctifying work
with confidence in its merit to save, will be saved by it.
It's a promise.

But you must look upon it and declare that Christ's work is the work that saves.
You must believe that what He accomplished is for you,
and that He intended it for you, and that He meant to save you.
You must know your need to be saved.
You must recognize that without this saving work, you cannot be saved.

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That He created a means by which you could be rescued.

That means is Himself. He is the Rescue Vehicle.

And to get inside this Rescue Vehicle, known as the person of Jesus Christ, all you must do is believe.

Faith is the only access.

Faith is the only way inside Jesus.

And Jesus is the only means by which a man or woman might be saved and brought safely unto the Father in Heaven.

When you believe, you are brought inside the strong tower of Jesus. You are hemmed inside His Rescuing Clothing (known as Righteousness),

You are placed inside Him like a passenger on a Jet Liner and where that Jet Liner traveled two thousand years ago, you too are able to travel as you abide in faith in Him.

And if you are found IN Him by faith, then when He went to the Cross two thousand years ago, you too are brought to the Cross IN Him by faith, and the old life you once lived is crucified.

And when He went to the grave two thousand years ago, you too go to the Grave, and your old behavior, your old manner of living is buried and no longer visible to this world.

And when He rose from the dead, so you too rise from the dead unto a new life in Him, and the life you now live in your body is a life lived by faith that He manages and directs.

And when He ascended to be with the Father, you too ascend to the Father.

You are brought near to the Father in the Person of Jesus Christ.

It is not your work, your goodness, your morality that brings you into such a sacred and holy place - but rather, His work that does it.

And faith in His work is what allows you to draw near with full assurance.

God so wants you

God so loves you

God so yearned to see you free

That He has brought you near by the merit of His shed Blood on the Cross. He has given you access by faith in Christ, into His very Throne Room of Grace.

And in this Throne Room is everything
that you could possibly need for life and godliness -
everything you could possibly need for obedience, triumph, love, and right action.

The Power of God has made available to you the Power of God.

He has made His very Life accessible to you,
that it might come and indwell you, fill you, operate you, empower you,
and love and live in and through you.

By Faith you have been clothed in Christ's work,
and by Faith you can also be clothing for His very Spirit
in order that His work can continue on earth in and through your body.

God so wants you

God so loves you

God so yearned to see you free

That He exerted His power on your behalf.

He sent His Son, Jesus, to exert His Almighty Power on the Cross.

And in this Power you are to believe.

In His Powerful work of redemption and rescue on the Cross you are commanded to trust.
And if you do lean all the weight of your confidence on this "Power of God" you will be saved.

The Nature of God (a.k.a. - Ingredient #3)

The confidence of faith

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asks receives; and he that seeks finds; and to him that knocks it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

Matthew 7:7-11

And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and

kissed him. And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found." And they began to be merry.

Luke 15:20-24

The Three Key Ingredients to Full Assurance

4. Faith - He Promised
5. The Power of God - He is Able
6. The Nature of God - He Cannot Lie

Full Assurance

The Rock Upon Which We Stand with Certain Expectation and the Utmost Certainty

1. Faith that it is impossible to Woo Yourself

If you are Seeing, It's Because He's Helping You See

When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 16:13-17

. . . It (election, the choosing of God) is not of him that wills, nor of him that runs, but of God that shows mercy.

Romans 9:16

You did not choose Me, but I chose you . . . I have chosen you out of the world.

John 15:16, 19

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins . . . We love him, because he first loved us.

1 John 4:10,19

2. Faith that if you desire salvation, the desire has been planted in you by God Himself

That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God . . . But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searches all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? **even** so the things of God knows no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teaches, but which the Holy Ghost teaches; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But **the natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are**

foolishness unto him: neither can he know them,
because they are spiritually discerned.

1 Corinthians 2:5, 9-15

3. Faith that it is by Faith that you access the Grace of Salvation

You are saved by grace **through** faith.

Ephesians 2:8

4. Faith that Faith is 100% guaranteed (by God Himself) to work as promised

God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

Numbers 23:19

5. Faith that the One drawing you is not a Con - when He plants the longing for Himself within you, He is not going to answer that longing with a cold disregard.

If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him?

Matthew 7:11

6. Faith that we need not be without sin to come

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

7. Faith that as long as we are still breathing, the space for repentance is still there

8. Faith that no matter how dark our past, there is a brilliant future in Christ for those who come to Him

The Questions that Reveal Spirit Wooing

- Do you Desire to be Saved?
- Do you Want Jesus to Rescue You?
- Do you want to be healed from your sin?
- Do you want to be with God?
- Do you want to share a common destiny with Jesus?
- Do you want to be where He is?
- Do you want forgiveness of your sins?
- Do you see that you are wrong and that He is right?
- Do you want God?

Putting Your Confidence in the Power of God to Save

- It is impossible for you to want God without God's help
- It's impossible for you to discern Jesus without the help of Jesus
- It is impossible for man to see His need of God outside of God's help
- Conviction of Sin is a work of Grace
- The cry "what must I do to be saved?" is the cry sponsored by the Spirit of God

- If you are longing for God then the Power of God is at Work on You

Getting the Truth in Us

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to 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.

1 John 1:8-10

Introducing the Spirit of Truth

And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; even **the Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

John 14:16-17

But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, **the Spirit of truth** who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

John 15:26

Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will

take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

John 16:7-15



We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know **the spirit of truth** and the spirit of error.

1 John 4:6

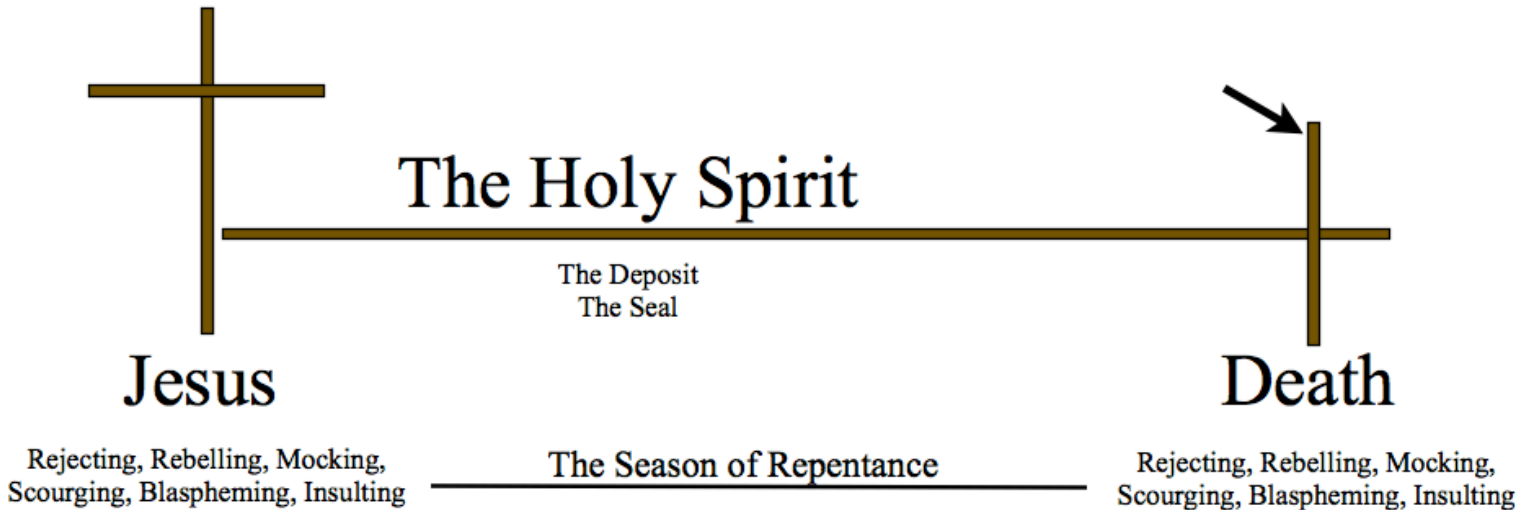
But What About My Sin?

If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.

1 John 5:16

And anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but to him who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven.

Luke 12:10



Insulting the Spirit of Grace

For **it is impossible** for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, if they shall fall away, **to renew them again unto repentance**; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

Hebrews 6:4-6

For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment,

do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?

Hebrews 10:26-29

When the Door of Death Closes, So Does the Saving Grace of God

He that believes and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believes not shall be damned.

Mark 16:16

But the Scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

Galatians 3:22

Nine Signs of the Reprobate (the Unrepentable)

- 1) They close the eyes of their soul to the Cross
- 2) They plug their ears to His Truth and claim innocence of Sin
- 3) They spurn conviction
- 4) They spit upon the notion of repentance
- 5) They detest the operation of grace
- 6) They refuse forgiveness
- 7) They deny Christ's rightful claim over their soul and body
- 8) They hold in contempt the wooing of the Holy Spirit
- 9) They reject the salvation of God Almighty

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In Full Assurance

Being IN Christ, by Faith, with All Certainty

My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

1 John 2:1

Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

Romans 8:34

For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,

1 Timothy 2:5