

Series: Heaven

Sermon: Assurance of Heaven

Scripture: Hebrews 6:4-12; Philippians 1:6; Ephesians 1:13-14; John 10:27-29;
Romans 8:30, 35-39 (ESV)

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Let's just get a quick flyover of what the Bible says about the assurance of heaven for the believer in Jesus:

1 John 5:13 (ESV)

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.

Philippians 1:6 (ESV)

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 1:13-14 (ESV)

In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

John 10:27-29 (ESV)

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will 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.

Romans 8:30 (ESV)

And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Hebrews 6:4-12 (ESV)

⁴ *For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit,*

⁵ *and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come,*

⁶ *and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt.*

⁷ *For land that has drunk the rain that often falls on it, and produces a crop useful to those for whose sake it is cultivated, receives a blessing from God.*

⁸ *But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and near to being cursed, and its end is to be burned.*

⁹ *Though we speak in this way, yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things—things that belong to salvation.*

¹⁰ *For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do.*

¹¹ *And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end,*

¹² *so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.*

Matthew 19:26

With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.

Hebrews 10:26 (ESV)

For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins.

1 John 3:8-9 (ESV)

Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God.

- What accompanies full assurance?
 - Fruit (v. 7-8)

 - Perseverance (v.9-11)