



Reaching the World For Christ

Assurance *Making our Calling and Election Sure: Part 1* **2 Peter 1:10**

If these qualities are ours and are increasing...

1. **They will keep us from being ineffective** v8a
2. **They will keep us from being unfruitful** v8b
3. **They will keep us from being blind and forgetful** v9
4. **They will keep us from falling** v10
5. **They will provide for us an entrance into the eternal kingdom of Christ** v11

There are 3 primary elements to a biblical, saving faith.

I. Biblical Faith Includes Repentance

Mark 1:14-15 *repent and believe in the gospel.*

Acts 2:38 *And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you*

Acts 3:19 *Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out*

There are 4 components of true Repentance

1. A consciousness of personal sin

Rom 3:23 *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*

Rom 7:18 *For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh.*

2. There must be a sorrow for sin

2 Cor 7:9-10 *As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us. For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.*

3. There must be a hatred of sin

4. There must be a purpose to forsake sin



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II. Biblical Faith Includes Reliance

James 2:19 *You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!*

There are 3 things that we need to understand about biblical faith and reliance.

1. It is faith in Jesus and His saving work

John 3:14-18 *And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.*

2. It is faith on Jesus and His saving work

3. It is faith until Jesus comes and His saving work is complete.

Heb 10:39 *But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.*

1 John 2:19 *they went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us.*

III. Biblical Faith Includes Results

James 2:14-26

"We are saved through faith alone, but a faith that saves is never alone." John Calvin

Rev 20:11-12 *Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.*

Rev 3:1-2 *I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God.*

Rev 2:23 *all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you as your works deserve.*

"We must think of the last judgment happening just as judicial process happens here: the evidence is examined, and there and then, on the basis of the evidence being examined, a determination is made."

Richard Baxter

Eph 2:8-10 *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*

Titus 1:16 *They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.*

John 3:36 *Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.*



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Conclusion:

Acts 26:19-20 Therefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, 20 but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all the region of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance