

Knowing I Am Saved

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3. Transactionally

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(What happens when I doubt my salvation).

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The Cause of Doubt. (Why do I doubt?)

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“Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”

- Mark 16:16

2. I didn’t have the same experience that someone else had.

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- Acts 17:30

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- John 3:36

3. I must confess.

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

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4. I must receive.

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