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The Biblical Concept of Assurance ***Jack McNeil***

Biblically speaking, assurance represents “security of the soul and true inner peace – a blessed assurance.” (Paul Sain) It comes from the Greek, plerophoria , which means “ full assurance, most certain confidence..” (Thayer’s Greek Definitions) In English, the word “assurance” comes from the verb “assure.” Webster’s defines assure, “to make safe; to give confidence to hearts; to make sure or certain: convince; to make certain the coming or attainment of: i.e. a guarantee”

Assurance then is, according to Webster’s Dictionary, “The act or action of assuring: as a : pledge, guarantee” God has pledged, “I will never leave you, nor forsake you...” (Hebrews 13:5). By the same Word in which He conveyed to us these great and precious promises, He also gave us all things that pertain to our receiving of these promises. “As His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.” (2 Peter 1:3-4)

Along with the pledge to never forsake us, God has given us the Spirit as a guarantee or earnest of that pledge. The guarantee or earnest of the Spirit helps to instill confidence of salvation in us, even though, “we who are in this tent groan,

being burdened...” (2 Corinthians 5:2). The Holy Spirit is God’s earnest or guarantee (I.e. the “down-payment”) whereby He gives us assurance that everything He has promised us is true.

Again, Webster’s dictionary states that assurance is, “The state of being assured: i.e. A being certain in the mind or confidence of mind or manner, freedom from self-doubt or uncertainty.” Although he does not use the word “assurance”, the apostle Paul defines this very beautifully in 2 Timothy 1:12, “For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.”

Assurance is closely connected to faith. Our assurance comes from a deep faith or trust in the promises that God, through His Son, has given us. If we have faith in the promises of God – we can be assured that He will fulfill His promises.

Today’s Sermons

AM - Let Us Rejoice and Be Glad
Psalm 118:24

PM - Sermon in Song -
Assurance
Hebrews 10:19-22

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Mary Bolen, Luther Merritt
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Fredie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,
Doug Crouse, Carolyn Callis
Margie Montgomery, Sue Harris,
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,
Ken & Paula Wadley, Judy Ellis
Phillip Mullins, Jerry Crabb,
Karen Chance, Mary Lewis
Gaylon & Betty Cooper
Carleton Kidder, Shirley Puckett

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Shirley Bolin,
Beverly Martindale,
Allen Thompson, Glenn Lovell,
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Brandi Rogers, Marilyn Ferrell,
Jeanette Manley, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster,
Justin Puckett, Ruby Malone,
Margaret Davis, Lee Simpson

Thank You!!

Ron Clouse and Billy Landers
do a wonderful job keeping the
yard mowed and looking good.

Happenings

South Jackson

Today

AM - Ray Pack
PM - Special Song Service
There will be no potluck meal.
PM service will start at 1:00 PM

Cards to Send

Karen Chance
36 Parkburg Road
Jackson, TN 38301

Luther & Jo Merritt
121 Chester Levee Road
Jackson, TN 38301

Weekly Record

6 AM	0
Bible Class	43/11
AM Worship	79/18
PM Worship	52/0
Wed Bible Study	56/15
Contribution	3040
Budget	4014

Those Privileged to Serve

Mar 31 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - M. Wages, J. Smith

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Jerry Butcher

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Jonathan Orr

Communion: Paul Hatcher

Contribution:

Jeff Bliss

Apr 7 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Pack, R. Clouse

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Jeff Bliss

Opening Prayer:

Paul Hatcher

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Roanld Clouse

Communion: Joe Venable

Contribution:

Charlie Richardson

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Various

Opening Prayer:

Greg Long

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Joe Venable

Communion: Paul Hatcher

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Ken Ross

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Greg Long

Communion: Joe Venable

Apr 3 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Paul Hatcher

Devo - Ray Pack

Apr 10 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Devo - Mike Wages

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Service Times

Early Worship	6:00 AM
Gospel of Christ - Fox 16	9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM