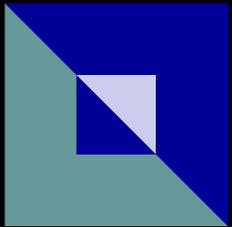


# The Road to Emmaus...

## You Can Be Sure!

Lesson One



# The Road to Success in Christian Living

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**Lesson Goal:** To encourage believers to be certain of their salvation.

**Lesson Scripture:** Luke 24:13-35; John 5:19-40, 6:37-40, 10:27-29

**Memory Verse:** “He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.” I John 5:12

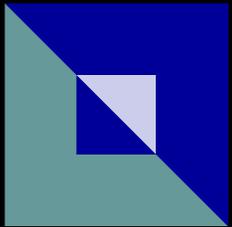
The day that Jesus rose from the dead, two disciples were on the road to the town of Emmaus, a short distance from Jerusalem. (Luke 24:13-35) They were walking and talking about all that had happened in the last few days. Suddenly they were joined by someone they didn't recognize. This person was Jesus. He began to teach them about Himself from the Old Testament Scriptures. Finally, when they were eating dinner with Him, they did recognize Him.

Though these two were not among the twelve disciples who were with Jesus throughout His earthly ministry, they certainly knew Jesus. However, they were not expecting Jesus to appear on the road to Emmaus and begin conversing with them. They thought He was dead! Even though they didn't recognize Him, His words affected them powerfully.

When Jesus left them, the Bible says that they asked one another, “Were not our hearts burning within us while He talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”\* (Luke 24:32) A Christian is going to feel something special about God as He is revealed in Jesus. Knowing God makes us feel alive...more alive than we have ever felt before. God speaks to Christians through Scripture, as He did to those two disciples. It is part of the assurance of our salvation.

They felt certain that this person was really Jesus. Their hearts realized it before their minds did. “Hearts burning” is the emotional assurance that something special is happening. It gives Christians confidence that what we are reading and/or experiencing is right...it is of God. However, the certainty of our salvation is not just about how we feel.

Another thing that this story points out to us is the power of God. It is obvious that these men were blinded by their belief that Jesus had died and was gone. They had not expected God to raise Him from the dead. Their total surprise that Jesus was alive motivated them to rejoice, and hurry to tell others of His resurrection. The great power of God, that raised Jesus from the dead not only saves us, but keeps us as His children. (Romans 4:23-5:11; 8:11)



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We can be sure that God, who raised Jesus from the dead, is powerful enough do anything He wants to do. We are told, for instance, that we are His children if we ask Him to be our Heavenly Father. Jesus said, in John 6:37 – 40, that God gives Him, Jesus, everyone who trusts Jesus as Savior. He says that He won't send anyone away, and that when we believe in Him we are given eternal life. God and Jesus guarantee eternal life. John, speaking in the fifth chapter of First John, tells us that everyone who believes in Jesus has eternal life. Eternal life begins at the moment we believe. He also assures us in John 10:28, that believers are in God's hand and no one can take them away from God.

Salvation then is something that God does. And, if God does it, our strength is not the only thing involved in keeping it. God keeps us as His from the time we accept Jesus as our Savior.

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1. Live each day confident that God is your Father, Jesus is your Savior, and God's Holy Spirit lives in you. Ephesians 3:16-19, I John 4:13-16
2. Thank God, each time doubt arises, for His saving and keeping power. Most Christians doubt occasionally. Romans 8:37-39; John 10:27-29

The Christian trusts God to be with him or her, and joins God in what He is doing in their life by living each day fully. We don't lose our salvation like we lose our car keys. It is not something that we lay down and pick up again. The covenant we make with God is binding. It lasts through this life and into eternity.

Though it is a two-way covenant, even when we don't live up to our part of the covenant, God continues to live up to His part. That makes it a permanent covenant.

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