

PERSONAL EVANGELISM #11 - DEALING WITH THE UNCERTAIN

1 JOHN 5:1-13

Christianity is a "know-so" religion, not endless questions of "enough good works" to be Saved. The Bible records stands clear, but the devil wants to cast doubt upon everything God says.

I. "HOW CAN I KNOW I AM SAVED?"

A. There are only four possibilities: (2x2 Matrix)

	(Satan/Sin/World)	(Holy Spirit)
<i>Saved</i>	DOUBTING	ASSURED
<i>Not Saved</i>	IGNORANT	CONVICTED
	<i>Don't Know</i>	<i>Know</i>

B. God is not the author of confusion 1 COR. 14:33

1. Holy Spirit will not cause doubt - only PEACE!

2. And Satan cannot prevent Holy Spirit conviction

C. Trust God's Word (not emotion) JOHN 5:24 / 2 TIM. 1:12

D. If God asked you why He should let you into heaven?

II. "I USED TO GO TO THIS CHURCH OR THAT CHURCH."

A. Question Reason: Did God make you stop or did man?

1. Offended by religious? Jesus also. JOHN 2:13-17

2. Offended by God? For which act? MATT. 13:53-58

B. I don't like organized religion JAMES 1:27

C. Jesus espoused to Himself his churches EPH. 3:21

III. "HOW CAN I KNOW WHICH DENOMINATION IS RIGHT?"

A. This is a GOOD question if asked in earnest

B. Focus on the BIBLE - bring every question back to it!

1. Those uncertain will not argue with the Bible

2. Only those who have already made-up minds argue

C. Bible warns twice of man's ways PROV. 14:12 / 16:25

IV. "I AM SEEKING CHRIST BUT CANNOT FIND HIM."

A. Rest assured; God will reward these efforts HEB. 11:6

1. It's a matter of the heart - not works JER.29:13

2. HE came to seek and to save that which was lost.

B. Perhaps this is your opportunity for Him to find you.

CONCLUSION: When dealing with the genuinely uncertain, the best resource is the CERTAINTY found only in the Word of God.