



Assurance of Salvation



Many children are unsure about their salvation and want to “invite Jesus” in again and again. What do I do when my child wants to be saved over and over again?

One way to explain this concept to children is by having one child go outside the room or house and knock on the door. Go to the door, invite the child in and sit down and begin to talk. As we are chatting, say to the child, “Come in, Susan.” Of course, she will probably say, “I’m already in.” Talk a little more and say again, “Come in, Susan.”

Explain that you only need to invite Jesus into your life one time. When you sin, you need to say, “I’m sorry,” but Jesus does not leave you. Sin makes Him sad, but He is still in your heart.

Children may feel guilty when they sin. If they have a tender heart, they will need reassurance that our salvation is not based on our goodness, but on Jesus and what He did on the cross.

A couple of good verses to share:

- **John 20:31** - How does this verse say we have life? (through believing in Jesus)
- **Ephesians 2:8, 9** – Is our salvation based on the good works we do? (No, it is a gift from God.)

If your child has made the commitment to follow Jesus, celebrate two birthdays every year – the day of their birth into your family and the day of their birth into God’s family.

Some ideas to make it a special day:

- Give them a gift to encourage spiritual growth – a CD, book, DVD, etc.
- Bake a cake and blow out the candles.
- Serve special food that the birthday person chooses.
- Say a prayer of blessing on the birthday person.
- Choose a specific Bible verse for the coming year.
- Ask each family member to share one way that they see the birthday person growing to be more like Jesus.

