

# sermon notes

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## Four Proofs of Your Salvation:

1) The proof of the \_\_\_\_\_ (4:13,16)

2) The proof of \_\_\_\_\_ (4:14-15)

3) The proof of \_\_\_\_\_ (4:17-18)

4) The proof of \_\_\_\_\_ (4:19-21)

## Questions for Further Application of God’s Word:

1. Are you sure that you are saved? How does a person know whether he or she is truly saved? Where does sureness of our salvation come from?
2. Compare 1 John 4:14-15 with Romans 10:9-10 and Matthew 10:32. What does confession look like for a believer? What’s the first step that a new convert takes to confess their faith in Christ?
3. Do you fear punishment after death? Why or why not? Should a Christian have a healthy fear of death? Should they have a healthy fear of eternal punishment?
4. Should a Christian fear God? What’s the difference between fear as “the beginning of wisdom/knowledge” (Proverbs 1:7; 9:10; Psalm 110:10) and fear that is cast out by love in 1 John 4:18?
5. Why can’t Christians hate fellow Christians? Why can’t Christians hate the church? Is there anyone inside of the church (or maybe the church as a whole) that you are angry, bitter, or spiteful towards? Take a moment to pray to the Holy Spirit and ask him to reveal anything in that regard right now. Also ask him to grow your love for your fellow siblings in Christ Jesus.

**Advanced Question:** What does it mean to “confess that Jesus is the Son of God” (4:15)? What if a person confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, but so is Buddha, Krishna, Confucius, etc.? Is that person saved? How do we preach exclusivity of Christ in this pluralistic world?