"Being Sure That I Am Saved" Col. 2:1-3

Introduction

- I. One of the most destructive doctrines, is the notion that we can never know whether we are saved.
- II. The Bible plainly teaches that a Christian can know and be certain of his salvation.
- III. In order to have this assurance, there are certain things that God requires.

Discussion

- I. God requires the non Christian to obey the Gospel (1 Tim. 2:3-4; cf. 2 Pet. 3:9).
 - A. There are some who have espoused the idea that mankind is not required to do anything because of the sacrifice of Christ.
 - B. Even though God has extended grace and mercy, it is man's choice whether to accept such through obedience to God's Word (Eph. 2:8-10; cf. Jos. 24:15).
 - C. God has explicitly stated that an alien sinner must have faith in Christ, repent of his past sins, confess his faith that Jesus is the Son of God, and be baptized/immersed for the remission of sins (John 20:30-31; Acts 17:30-31; Matt. 10:32-33; Acts 2:38).
 - D. After doing such, the man is now a "saved person/a Christian.
- II. The Christian must remain faithful to the Lord (Rev. 2:10; 2 Tim. 4:6-8).
 - A. A Christian has made the decision to follow the Lord, and as such is required to submit and obey to the Lord (Luke 6:46-49; cf. 9:23).
 - B. This lifestyle is equivalent to what John called "walking in the light" (1 John 1:6-10).
 - 1. A faithful man will worship correctly (John 4:23-24).
 - 2. A faithful man follow the Word of God (Acts 20:32).
 - C. If we make the decision to become unfaithful and "depart" from the Lord, then we must utilize God's second law of pardon in order to be restored to salvation (Heb. 3:12; 2 Pet. 2:20-22; Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:8-10; cf. James 5:19-20).

Conclusion

- I. We can know, and be sure, of our salvation.
- II. The only one that will keep me from this blessing is myself.