

The Witness of the Two Spirits

Introduction:

- A. People want to be able to tell whether or not they are saved. - e.g., New York woman who wrote, “How can I be sure I will live with Jesus?”
 - B. There is a way we can know if we are saved. - Romans 8:16-17
 - C. How can we know we are saved?
- I. Are feelings adequate evidence? - Genesis 37; 45:25-28; woman in El Dorado who “wouldn’t trade how I feel inside for a stack of Bibles this high.”
- II. Is the word of God adequate evidence?
- A. God cannot lie. - Numbers 23:19; Titus 1:2
 - B. If God says it, we know it is true. - Romans 3:3-4
 - C. We must walk by faith. - 2 Corinthians 5:7; Romans 10:17
- III. How does the Word of God bear witness to our salvation? - Romans 8:16-17
- A. “bears witness WITH” (not TO): “*bear joint witness*” (Thayer. 596)
 - B. It takes two witnesses to establish a legal fact. - Deuteronomy 19:15; Matthew 18:16
 - C. The Holy Spirit bears witness through the gospel, by telling us how to be saved. - John 6:63; Ephesians 3:1-7
 - D. If your spirit can testify honestly and knowledgeably that you have done what the Word of God says to do to be saved, you have the witness of the two spirits. - 1 John 2:5
- IV. The witness of the two spirits
- A. Am I saved? - Mark 16:16
 - B. Are my sins forgiven? - Acts 2:38
 - C. Am I a child of God? - Galatians 3:26-27
- V. If we have the witness of the two spirits:
- A. We can be confident of our salvation. - Hebrews 6:13-20
 - B. We can have peace and joy. - Philippians 4:7; 1 Peter 1:8-9 (Having peace and joy does not prove we are saved, but knowing we are saved gives us peace and joy.)
- Conclusion:
- A. The eunuch’s salvation brought him great joy. - Acts 8:39
 - B. Do you have the right to such peace and joy?
 - C. Do you have the witness of the two spirits?