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1 John 5:11-15

God never intends to trick or puzzle believers. He wants us to be confident about our salvation and has clearly laid out the plan. So if uncertainty should arise in your mind, realize the problem isn't with the Lord.

Someone else, however, does want us confused: Satan knows that doubts will make us less effective as Christians. Here are four major tactics he uses:

1. Sin When we give in to temptation, our enemy piles on feelings of guilt so we'll think, *How can I be saved when I'm living like this?* But Scripture assures us there's no condemnation for believers in Christ (Rom. 8:1).

2. Ignorance Unless we're immersed in God's Word, it's easy to have just a hazy notion of what transpired when we came to faith. But if we're well grounded, we're less likely to question our salvation in tough times.

3. Feelings Once we are saved, nothing can snatch us out of the Father's hand (John 10:28-29). And yet sorrow and shame can make us want to hide instead of confessing and keeping lines of

communication with God clear. (See Gen. 3:8; 1 John 1:9.) Be aware that feelings have nothing to do with the truth of our salvation.

4. Harassment Sometimes the devil comes at us like a roaring lion, other times like an angel of light (1 Peter 5:8; 2 Corinthians 11:14). Whatever his approach, he wants to take our eyes off Jesus. Scripture, however, promises that no weapon formed against believers will prosper (Isa. 54:17).

Spending time in God's Word will help you to stand securely in your salvation. Then you'll be better prepared to resist Satan's strategies.

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