



THE GOSPEL OF
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False Assurance of Salvation

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Luke 13:6–9

⁶ And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷ And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ ⁸ And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹ Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”



1. Verbal profession

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Romans 10:9

...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.



2. Accurate doctrine

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Luke 6:46

“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?”



James 2:19

You believe that God is one; you do well.
Even the demons believe—and shudder.



3. Christian affiliation

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4. Supernatural ministry

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Matthew 24:24

“For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders...”



2 Thessalonians 2:9

The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders...



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John 14:15

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”



Ephesians 2:8–10

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.



Titus 2:11–14

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age... ¹⁴ [Christ] gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.



“We are saved by Christ, but Christ saves us into discipleship.”

— Scot McKnight



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