

The image features three black crosses of varying heights on a rocky, brownish hill. The background is a dramatic sunset or sunrise sky with soft, pinkish-orange and purple clouds. The scene is framed by dark, jagged rock formations on either side. The overall mood is solemn and spiritual.

Terms of Salvation

Assurance:

Saved and Sure of It

I. The Problem of Assurance

A. Christian Doubts

1. Genuine Christians Can Doubt (1 Jn. 5:13: “These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God”)

2. Every Believer Can Know

B. The Denials of Some Professing Believers

II. The Possibility of Assurance (Job 19:25-26; Rom. 8:38-39; 1 Jn. 5:13)

III. The Proof of Assurance

A. The Evidence of Good Works (Jam. 2:14-26; 1 Jn. 3:7-14)

B. The Internal Witness of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:16)

C. The Promise of Jesus Christ Himself (Jn. 5:24; 6:37-40)

D. The Testimony of the Word of God (Acts 13:39; 1 Jn. 5:11, 13; Heb. 10:22)

IV. The Perplexity of Assurance (The Causes of Doubt)

A. Not Walking in Close Fellowship with God (2 Pet. 1:1-9)

B. Pride

C. A Weak Time in the Person's Life (e.g. The Person Is Tired, Ill, Etc.--1 Kings 19:1-10; Mk. 6:30-32)

D. Misunderstandings Concerning the Doctrine of Salvation

E. Refusal to Believe that the Lord Will Do What He Said

F. The Person Is Actually Unsaved