

Opposite of doubt is faith

Two main types of doubt that Christians struggle with:

### 1. Doubt of Salvation

- Maybe you truly aren't saved- 2 Corinthians 13:5-6
- If you have trusted Jesus as your Savior (1 John 5:11-13, John 5:24) then doubt of your salvation can come from Satan, or from yourself (your conscience) if you aren't living the way that God wants you to (1 Peter 3:15-16)
- If you have trusted Jesus as your Savior, then your salvation is based on facts. God says that if you repent and trust Jesus as our only way to heaven, then you ARE saved.
- Assurance of Salvation verses:
  - John 10:28
  - 2 Corinthians 5:1-5
  - Romans 10:9-10
  - John 3:15-16
  - Romans 4:5
  - 1 Peter 1:3-5
  - 1 John 5:20
  - Ephesians 2:8-9

### 2. Doubting God

- Matthew 14:30-32
- Matthew 21:21
- Doubt can be lessened by hearing testimonies (from people who are alive and God is actively working in their life, answering prayer requests. This can also come from people of the past, such as missionaries or even people in the Bible, like Paul or the Ethiopian in Acts 8)
- God promises to take care of our needs, and He has always come through in the past, so why would He stop being faithful now? (Matthew 6:25-34)
- Luke 24: 37-40
- Acts 12:11-18- When we pray, we should expect God to answer that prayer
- James 1:5-8- We need to expect God to answer our prayers, He is a living God who loves us!
- Jude 1:22- Don't condemn others for doubting, but encourage them by sharing with them Scripture and what God has been doing in your life
- 1 Thessalonians 5:14- Again, don't condemn others for doubting, but encourage them, help them, and be patient with them