

A Certain Faith- (So that You May Know)

Message 1- "So How Do I Really Know I'm Saved?"

1 John 5:9-13, Survey

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Two Main Purposes of 1 John

1 John 2:26 "I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray."

1 John 5:13 "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."

How Do I Know I'm Saved?

1. The testimony of ----- 5:13

A. Assurance comes because we have -----
"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."
1 John 1:9, see also John 3:16-18

B. Assurance comes from the witness of the -----
1 John 2:1-2 "My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense - Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. 2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world."

See also John 1:12-13, Romans 10:8-11

C. Assurance is based on His ----- not -----
Titus 3:4-7 "But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, 5 He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy."

The Character of God

(our assurance is based on His character, not our ability)

1. God keeps all His promises. (Deut. 7:9)
2. God called us. (1 Cor. 1:9)
3. God provides all the resources to overcome temptation. (1 Cor. 10:13)
4. God, who called us, is able to make us holy. (1 Thess. 5:24)
5. Even if we are faithless, God is still faithful. (2 Tim. 2:13)

D. Assurance is not based on -----

2. The testimony of the -----

1 John 5:1-4 "...This is how we know that we love the children of God; by loving God and carrying out His commands..."

1 John 2:29 "...you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of Him."

1 John 3:5-6 "...No one who lives in Him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen Him or known Him."

Simple Truth- It is inconsistent for one who claims to be a follower of Christ and the temple of the Holy Spirit to -----

DOES NOT COMPUTE!

- 1 John 2:9
- 1 John 3:10
- 1 John 3:14
- 1 John 3:15
- 1 John 4:20
- 1 John 5:10
- 2 John 8-9

GOOD FRUIT

- Fruit of _____ . 1 John 5:3
- Fruit of _____ . Gal. 5:22
- Fruit of _____ . Rom. 8:29, 1 John 2:6
"Whoever claims to live in Him must walk as Jesus did."

Matt. 7:16-20 "By their fruit you will recognize them...by their fruit you will recognize them." Jesus

3. The testimony of the _____.

1 John 3:24 "Those who obey His commands live in Him. And He in them. And this is how we know that He lives in us:
We know it by the Spirit He gave us."

1 John 4:13 "We know that we live in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit."

See also 1 John 5:6, Romans 8:15-17