

TRUE ASSURANCE OF ETERNAL LIFE

Love Made Known, part 3

1 John 2:3 - 17, ESV

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“I believe that one reason why the church of God at this present moment has so little influence over the world is because the world has so much influence over the church.” – Charles Spurgeon

1 JOHN 2:15

“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”

1 JOHN 2:16 - 17

“For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life – Is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.”

False Foundations of Assurance:

- Religious heritage
- Church involvement
- A moral lifestyle
- Intellectual knowledge
- Active ministry
- A guilty conscience
- Positive thinking
- A past decision

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.”

MARK 1:15

“... repent and believe in the gospel.”

1. Are you trusting in Jesus alone as the Son of God and Savior of your sin?

1 JOHN 5:13

“I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.”



1 JOHN 1:6 – 7

“If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.”

1 JOHN 1:9

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

1 JOHN 2:2

“He is the propitiation for our sins . . .”

EPHESIANS 2:8 – 9

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works . . .”

2. Are you obeying Jesus alone as the Lord of your life?

1 JOHN 2:3 – 6

“And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. Whoever says ‘I know him’ but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.”

3. Are you showing the love of God to others?

1 JOHN 2:7 – 11

“Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard. At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going.”

1 JOHN 3:14

“We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers.”



1 JOHN 3:17

“... if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him?”

JAMES 2:14 - 17

“What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace, be warmed and filled,’ without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”

4. Are you experiencing the love of God for you?

1 JOHN 2:12 - 14

“I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name’s sake. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.” – 1 John 2:12 - 14

1 CORINTHIANS 10:31

“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”

