

FIRST JOHN

Blessings of the Christian Life // 1 John 3:19-24

Three Tests of 1 John

- Do you **obey** God's commandments?
- Do you **love** the brethren (church)?
- Do you **believe** in the work of Christ?

Benefits of Being a Christian

(1 John 3:19-24)

- Assurance of Salvation **BEFORE** God (v. 19-20)

*"By this we shall know that we are of the truth and
reassure our heart before him..."*

"reassure" GRK: *pietho*

to calm; pacify; quiet a troubled heart

Reasons for doubting:

- Present sin
- Past sin

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Truth: As a professing believer in Christ, if you are seeking to walk in holiness and love others well, this should bring you a certain measure of assurance that you are a child of God.

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*"If our hearts does not condemn us we have confidence before God; and **whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him...**"*

Truth: God answers prayers for people who keep his commandments.

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Prerequisites to answered prayer:

- Obedience to God's commands (1Jn3:21; 1Pet. 3; Jn. 15:7)
- Confession of sin (Ps. 66:18)
- Praying with faith (Jam.1:6-7)
- Praying according to God's Will (1Jn.5:14)
- Humility (Jam.4:6)

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*"Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he **abides** in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us..."*

We have **UNION** with Christ when we are saved, but we must be diligent to maintain **COMMUNION** with Christ.

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