



## BY THIS: THE RESOURCES OF SPIRITUAL ASSURANCE

— 1 John 3:18-24 —

### INTRODUCTION

Believers need assurance that they belong to God. Assurance is rooted in a lived out, practical faith evidenced by love, obedience, prayer, faith, and the Spirit.

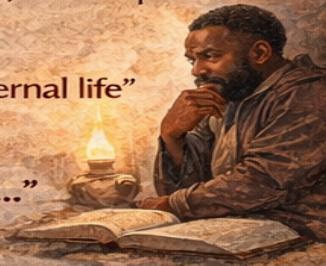
- **Apostolic aim:**

“You know you have eternal life”

1 John 5:13

- **Key phrase: “By this...”**

1 John 3:19, 24



## ASSURANCE RELIES UPON GOD'S GREATER VERDICT

— 1 John 3:19-20 —

- **God is greater than our heart” v. 20**
  - In His knowledge of us
  - In His mercy toward us
  - In His forgiving verdict over us



— 1 John 3:18-20 —

## ASSURANCE IN OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S COMMANDS

— 1 John 3:23 —

- **Trusting in the Name of Jesus**

- The Great Commandment summed up (faith + love)

- **Loving His family of believers**

1 John 3:23

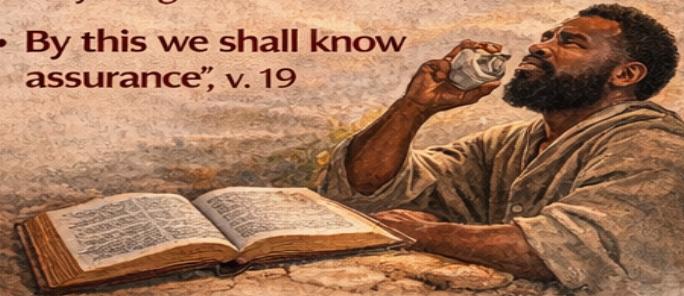


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## ASSURANCE BEGINS WITH REAL LOVE

— 1 John 3:18-19 —

- **Love is Sacrificial and Practical**
  - By the measure of Christ's love”, v. 16
  - By living in deeds and truth”, v. 18
- **By this we shall know assurance”, v. 19**

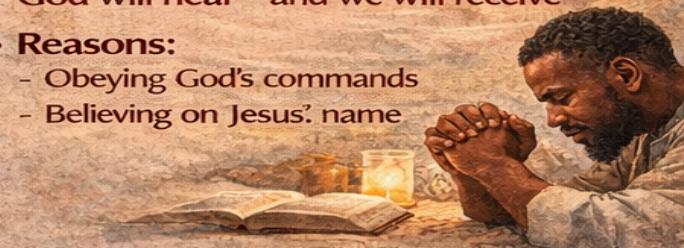


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## ASSURANCE IN BOLD CONFIDENCE THROUGH PRAYER

— 1 John 3:21-23 —

- **Freely ask whatever we need” v. 22**
- **God will hear—and we will receive**
- **Reasons:**
  - Obeying God's commands
  - Believing on Jesus' name



— 1 John 3:21-23 —

## ASSURANCE BY THE HOLY SPIRIT'S ABIDING PRESENCE

— 1 John 3:24 —

- **The Spirit is given to us for divine assurance in Christ.**

- **The Spirit's presence affirms we truly belong to God.**



— 1 John 3:24 —