

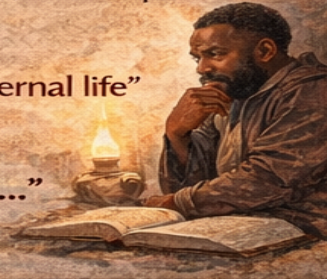
BY THIS: THE RESOURCES OF SPIRITUAL ASSURANCE

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.

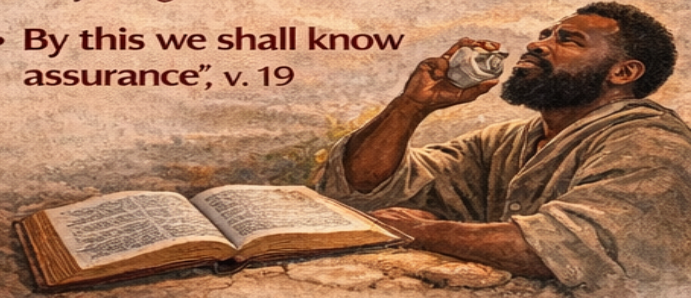
- **Apostolic aim:**
"You know you have eternal life"
1 John 5:13
- **Key phrase:** "By this..."
1 John 3:19, 24



ASSURANCE 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**



1 John 3:18-20

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 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 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



1 John 3:18-24

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