

ASSURANCE: How to Know That You Have Eternal Life

Lesson One • 1John 5:13

That You May Know

The Background of 1John

Author: The Apostle JOHN wrote the Epistles of John as well as the Gospel of John and the Book of Revelation.

Audience: 1John was written most likely to the CHURCHES in Asia Minor between AD 80 and 95.

The Purpose of 1John

- To help those who truly believe in Jesus Christ to gain ASSURANCE of their salvation.
- To expose those who are religious but lost and AWAKEN them to their unsaved condition so that they may truly know Jesus Christ.

The Key Verse of 1John

These things have I written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God. 1John 5:13

That You May Know

1. What Can You Know? You Can Know for Sure That You Have ETERNAL LIFE!

And this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life. 1John 2:25

And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. 1John 5:11-12

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. 1John 5:20

2. Who Can Know? Those Who Believe in JESUS CHRIST for Their Salvation!

Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either. 1John 2:22-23

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God... 1John 5:1

3. How Can You Know? You Can Know by Examining Yourself Against God's WRITTEN WORD!

Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. 2Corinthians 13:5

False Foundations of Assurance

- A MORAL lifestyle
- Intellectual KNOWLEDGE
- RELIGIOUS involvement
- A GUILTY conscience
- A past PRAYER

True Foundations of Assurance

- The present TRUTH of Christ in your life
*Am I believing in Christ alone for my salvation?
Am I abiding in Christ alone as my salvation?*
- The present WORK of Christ in your life
*Am I obeying what Christ says?
Am I loving like Christ loves?*
- The present SPIRIT of Christ in your life
*Am I listening to the Spirit in God's Word?
Am I being led by the Spirit in my walk?*

Are You Saved and You Know It?

If you're saved and you know it, then your life will surely SHOW it.

Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. 1John 2:3-5