

Sermon Passage: _____

Date: _____

Sermon Preacher: _____

Elder Scripture Reading: _____

Sermon Title: _____

I. Introduction

A. Context – Write 3 main ideas that provide background for the sermon text. *(Hint ~ What is a mark of the true believer? How can the believer be confident before God? What is assurance of faith?)*

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

B. Thesis or Proposition – What is the pastor trying to prove?

C. Enumeration – How many points (or proofs) will be provided?

D. Exposition – What are the main points (or proofs)?

1. The _____ of assurance

2. The _____ for assurance

3. The _____ in assurance

**Introduction
Scripture
References**

List any additional passages pastor may mention:



II. Main Points (or proofs)

A. Point 1: The of assurance

Outward _____

1. Sub-points – What evidence is provided that supports point 1?

(Hint ~ Fill in the blanks and make notes on how assurance proves the believer's identity.)

a. Tethered to the believer's _____

b. Enjoyed in the believer's _____

c. Rooted in the believer's _____

2. Application – What do I do with this information? *(Hint ~What is the doctrinal test? The ethical test? The relational test?)*

Point 1 Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention:

B. Point 2: The for assurance

Inward _____

1. Sub-points – What evidence is provided that supports point 2?

(Hint ~ Fill in the blanks and make notes on how brotherly love calms the condemning heart.)

a. Continuity of _____ hearts

b. Condemning _____ of the heart

2. Application – What do I do with this information? *(Hint ~ List three steps for dealing with condemning inner thoughts.)*

“Doubt, guilt, and failure are never far from any of us. Sometimes our misgivings are the result of our own actions or inactions. Sometimes it is the “accuser” who seizes our weaknesses and shortcomings and so elevates them that we wonder whether we can really be in the truth.”

~Glenn Barker

Point 2 Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention:

C. Point 3: The in assurance

Upward _____

1. Sub-points – What evidence is provided that supports point 3?

(Hint ~ Fill in the blanks and make notes on calming the condemning heart by looking upward, rather than inward.)

a. _____ to God

b. _____ in God

2. Application – What do I do with this information? *(Hint ~ In what must assurance of faith be rooted? Who will always comfort the condemning heart?)*

Point 3 Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention:

III. Conclusion

Fill in the blanks based on what you have learned.

I John 3:19-20 addresses:

Outward evidence of _____

Inward hinderance of a _____

Upward confidence in _____



Scripture for Further Study

Suggestion: Read and meditate on some of the following passages each day of the coming week.

1. Passages on assurance of faith:
1 Jn 5:13; Phil 1:6, Phil 2:12-13; Rom 8:28-30; Jude 24; 1 Thess 5:23-24; Rom 8:1; 2 Tim 1:12; Heb 13:5; 1 Pet 5:10; 1 Cor 1:30-31; 2 Cor 13:5; 2 Pet 1:10
2. Passages on assurance being Christ centered confidence:
1 Jn 1:7-2:2; 5:13-14; Eph 3:11-12; Col 2:9-15; Hebrews 9:24-27; 12:1-3; Rom 3:21-26; 5:1-11; 1 Cor 1:30-31; 2 Cor 5:21
3. Passages on conscience:
Acts 24:16; Rom 2:14-16; 13:5; 1 Cor 8:7-12; 2 Cor 4:2-3 cf. 1 Cor 4:3-4; 1 Tim 1:5; 4:2; Tit 1:15; Heb 9:9, 14; 10:22; 13:18; 1 Pet 3:16
4. Passages on having unhelpful thoughts:
Prov 3:5-8 cf 28:26; Isa 55:7-9; 59:7; Mt 9:4; 15:19; Mk 7:21; Rom 2:15; 1 Cor 3:20; 2 Cor 10:5; 11:3; Heb 4:12; cf. Rom 12:1-2
5. Passages on God's greatness:
Gen 1:1; Ex 34:6-7; Ps 77:13; 145:3; 150:2; Prov 15:16; Isa 45:5-7, 18-19; 46:8-10; Heb 4:12-13; Rom 11:33-36; Lk 16:15; Acts 1:24 cf. 1 Kings 8:38-40

Conclusion Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention: