

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 does John teach us about the **reality**, **result**, and **nature** of Christ centered 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. Confidence in with God

2. Confidence in with God

**Introduction
Scripture
References**

List any additional passages pastor may mention:



II. Main Points (or proofs)

A. Point 1: Confidence in with God

Mercy driven _____ is marked by awe and intimacy for the child of God.

What is confidence and how can we have it?

1. Sub-points – What evidence is provided that supports point 1?
(Hint ~ Fill in the blanks and make note of what you learn about being in communion with God.)

a. _____ to God

b. _____ from God

2. Application – What do I do with this information? *(Hint ~ Who **can** have confidence before God, and who **cannot** have confidence? What must one do to have confidence?)*

Point 1 Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention:



B. Point 2: Confidence in with God

Sweet _____ *with the Father* drives strong _____
given to the Father.

1. Sub-points – What evidence is provided that supports point 2?
(Hint ~ Fill in the blanks and make note of what you learn about communication with the Father.)

a. Unrestricted _____

b. Undeniable _____

c. Irrefutable _____

2. Application – What do I do with this information? *(Hint ~ What have you learned about the following two conditions?)*

a. Obedient actions _____

b. Humble Attitudes _____

Point 2 Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention:



III. Conclusion

- A. Jesus Christ did all things that were pleasing to the Father (Jn 8:29 cf. Mt 3:17).
- B. True believers are being made into the very likeness of Christ (Rom 8:29) which means, by His grace we are growing in discerning what is pleasing (Col 1:10; Eph 5:10).
- C. Confidence in *communion* with God and confidence in *communication* with God are all rooted in the sovereign work of the Father in every believer (Phil 2:13; Heb 13:21).



Scripture for Further Study

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

1. The believer's confidence before God through Christ:
2 Cor 3:4-6; Eph 2:18; 3:12; 1 Tim 3:13; Heb 3:6, 14; 4:16; 10:19; 10:35; 13:6; 1 Jn 2:28; 3:21; 4:17; 5:14
2. Unbelievers have no confident access to God:
Ps 34:16; Isa 59:2; Jn 3:18, 36; Eph 2:1-3; 4:17; 5:8; 1 Cor 2:14; 2 Cor 6:14-15; Rom 1:21; 2:4-5; 3:23; Col 1:21; Js 4:6
3. God hearing the believer's prayers:
1 Kings 8:38-40; Ps 34:15-18; 65:2; 66:19; 145:18; Prov 15:29; 1 Pet 3:12; Heb 4:16; Mt 21:22; Mk 11:24; Jn 14:13-14; 15:7, 16; 16:23-26
4. Prayers God will not hear:
Prov 15:8-9, 29; Job 27:8-9; 34:12-13; Ps 18:41; Isa 1:13-15; 59:1-2; Lk 18:9-14; Js 4:3; 1 Pet 3:7; Heb 11:6; Js 1:5-8; Ps 66:18; Prov 28:9; Jer 14:11-12
5. Conditions to answered prayers:
Mt 21:22; Mk 11:22, 25; Lk 18:10-14; 1 Pet 3:7; Mt 7:7-8; Js 4:3; Jn 14:13-14; 16:23-24; Ps 37:4; 1 Jn 5:14; Lk 22:42; Js 1:5-7; 4:2-3; 5:16

Conclusion Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention: