

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 ~ How does John encourage the struggling believer? How can the believer have lasting assurance? What outward evidence proves that one is a Christian?)*

- 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 test of
- 2. The test of
- 3. The test of

**Introduction
Scripture
References**

List any additional passages pastor may mention:



II. Main Points (or proofs)

A. Point 1: The test of

Trusting in _____ alone

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

(Hint ~ Fill in the blanks and make notes on what it means to believe.)

a. The _____ of belief

b. The _____ of belief

2. Application – What do I do with this information? *(Hint ~What must one do to be saved and enjoy eternal comfort and rest?)*

Point 1 Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention:

B. Point 2: The test of

Loving believers like _____

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

(Hint ~ Fill in the blanks and make notes on Christ-like love.)

a. Love _____

b. Love _____

c. Love _____

2. Application – What do I do with this information? *(Hint ~ How can one grow in displaying Christ-like love?)*

Point 2 Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention:

C. Point 3: The test of

Following the Word of _____

1. Sub-points – What evidence is provided that supports point 3?
(Hint ~ Fill in the blanks and make notes on how belief is shown and in what it is rooted.)

a. The _____

b. The _____

c. The _____

2. Application – What do I do with this information? *(Hint ~ What does it mean to keep God's commandments? Who helps the believer walk in obedience?)*

Point 3 Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention:



III. Conclusion

- A. When God regenerates His people, He changes them from the inside out so that they move from death to life spiritually.
- B. By God's sovereign grace, through the power of the Holy Spirit, God enables every true believer to walk in life for and towards Him.
- C. The believer must... (*Hint ~ Fill in the blanks based on what you have learned.*)
 1. _____ in Christ alone
 2. _____ others like Christ
 3. _____ the Word of Christ



Scripture for Further Study

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

1. The command to believe in Christ for salvation:
Jn 3:16-18, 36; 5:24, 6:29, 40, 47; Mt 11:28-30; 17:5; Lk 22:46-47; Acts 2:39; 10:43; 17:30-31; Rom 10:9-10
2. False believers in 1 John were confident they were right with God:
1:6,8, 10; 2:4, 9, 21-22; 3:4, 8, 10; 4:1-6, 20 see also Mt 7:21-23; Mk 7:6; Jn 2:14-26
3. The coming of the Messiah:
Gen 49:10; Deut 18:18; 2 Sam 7:12-13; Ps 2:1-12; 22:16-18; 110:1-7; Isa 7:14; 9:6-7; 53:1-12; Dan 7:13-14; Zech 9:9; Mic 5:2
4. Believers being commanded to love one another:
Rom 12:10; 1 Cor 13; Gal 5:13; Eph 4:2; Col 3:14; 1 Thess 4:9; Jn 2:8; Heb 13:1; 1 Pet 1:22; 2:17; 3:8; 4:8 See also Gal 5:22 and how "love" is a fruit or work of the Holy Spirit
5. The enabling work of the Holy Spirit:
Rom 8:9-11; 1 Cor 2:10-13; Gal 5:22-23; Jn 14:26; 16:5-15; Eph 3:16; 5:18; 1 Jn 2:20, 27; 4:1-6; 12-14; 5:1-6; 2 Tim 1:14;

Conclusion Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention: