

BLESSED ASSURANCE

1 John 3:19-24

“Am I truly saved? Do I really belong to Christ?”

¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

1 John 5:13

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and lasting assurance*

“Assurance is a believer’s ark where he sits Noah-like, quiet and still in the midst of all distractions and destructions, commotions and confusions.” Thomas Brooks

5 Anchors of Assurance:

1. God's Greatness (vv19-20)

“Sometimes our heart condemns us, but, in doing so, it gives a wrong verdict, and then we have the satisfaction of being able to take the case into a higher court, for ‘God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.’” (Spurgeon)

2. Confidence in Prayer (vv21-22a)

3. Faith in Jesus (v23)

4. A Heart for Obedience (vv22b-23a)

“Obedience is essential to Christian discipleship ... If we refuse to obey Christ’s commandments ... we are not even beginners in the school of Christ.” Spurgeon

5. Presence of the Spirit (v24)

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