

**With Certainty-Part 1**  
**Series: Blessed Assurance-A Study of 1 John**

**Text:** 1 John 5:13-18

The epistle of 1 John is all about assurance.

You're not saved because you pray some magical prayer. God saves us when we repent and believe the gospel.

**1. Does God really even want us to know for sure that we are saved?**

*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

He loves us, and when you love someone, you want them to know that you love them.

The only way we'll ever develop real love for him is when we are sure that he loves us.

- **We are his beloved children**

Jesus said, *"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."* - John 14:18

- **We are his betrothed bride**

*If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.* - John 14:1-3

**2. How can we know that we are saved?**

- **You have placed your hopes for heaven entirely on Jesus (vs. 13)**

- **You have a new nature (vv. 16-18)**

*We know that everyone who has been born of God does not continue to sin, but he who was born of God (that is, Jesus) keeps them safe...* - 1 John 5:18

Your salvation is not demonstrated by never falling, but by what you do when you fall.