

Based on the teaching from Sunday 25 January 2026, 'Assurance: Our new birth'

Sermon can be found on our website lwac.org.au, click on 'talks' top left of the page.

Text: **1 John 2:28 – 3:9**

Key ideas from the sermon:

1. So far John has given us 3 places where assurance in our salvation is found: 1. The Gospel of Jesus Christ, 2. We find a new attitude within us to obey God's commands, we recognize that his commands come from love and are for love. 3. We are assured that Jesus really is the Saviour and the Lord because we have the objective witness of the apostles (recorded for us in the New Testament) and the subjective, inner witness of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.
2. The fourth place where assurance is found is in the fact of our new birth, that we are now God's children and God is our Father – this is a unique standing and identity that those who receive Jesus are given.
3. The evidence for our new birth is found in the change that we see in our lives; as we grow in the family likeness, becoming more like Jesus: we now want to do what is right, we don't live the same way as we did before we knew God, and we purify ourselves just as Jesus is pure.
4. John is not suggesting that believers don't fail and sin – we all do - but our lives are now pointing in a very different direction, towards Jesus as we follow him.

Bible Study: The Swedish Method [1 John 2:28 -3:9]

1. Begin by praying, asking God to speak through His Word
2. Read the Bible passage aloud, being careful to read slowly
3. Go back over the passage (allow about 10 minutes of silence), being on the lookout for, and making notes on the following four things:



Light bulb: This should be something that 'shines' from the passage - whatever impacts most, or draws attention.

Notes:



Question mark: Anything that is difficult to understand in the text, or a question the reader might like to ask the writer of the passage, or the Lord.

Notes:



Jesus: What does this passage teach me about who Jesus is, what he has done for me and what it means for me to follow him in my life.

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Arrow: A personal application for your life.

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4. Discussion & Prayer

The Swedish Method guide explaining best practice can be found on our website. Click on 'Our Church' top right, then 'LifeGroup leaders page'.