

1 John Lesson 63 Outline
“The Foundation of Christian Assurance” _____ **1 John 3:19**
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Here John introduces the matter of having assurance, confidence before God that we are of the _____.

The most dreadful kind of doubt that can occur in the life of a believer is doubt about one’s salvation.

We want to look at our own hearts and to provide strength and conviction, persuasion and assurance that we, in fact, are Christians.

Our assurance is something we have to _____.

We’re the people of the Book and the people of the Lord.

Literally what John is saying here is that there is a way that we can and shall know that we are linked by life to the Truth, written and incarnate, so that our fears and doubts are completely pacified and our heart is assured, even though we stand before God.

It is a normal thing to be _____ by the appearance of God.

Even though the pattern of unbroken sin has changed and we are now pursuing what is holy and righteous, sin is still there in our flesh.

God is perfect and holy and omniscient, and nothing escapes Him. And that is intimidating.

Is salvation revokable? Is eternal life really eternal?

Some denominations don't hold that our assurance is a desirable conviction.

“Such a certainty of salvation which Catholic theology describes as absolute was repudiated by the Council of Trent, because whereas the Christian is absolutely forbidden to doubt what God has done in Jesus Christ or to doubt His universal salvific will, this does not exclude all possible doubt of one's own eternal salvation.”

Jacob Arminius, a Dutch theologian, taught that you could lose your salvation. And that Arminian view – the Wesleyan view, is part of Methodist and Nazarene Doctrine, as well as others.

Can you be saved by _____ only, but somehow lost by _____?

We're literally commanded to assurance.

My praise to God is directly connected to the eternality of His gift to me.

It's kind of tough if you ask me to deny myself, take up my cross, and follow God and know somewhere down the road after I've done it for a while, you know, I might just fall off, and I'm out and headed for hell.