

1 John Lesson 67 Outline
“Why We Lack Assurance”

1 John 3:19

“Holy Affections”

1 John 3:19-24

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Some lack assurance of salvation due to strong preaching, some because of their inability to accept God’s given forgiveness, some because they fail to understand the rich truth of the Gospel, some because of an inability to remember the time of salvation and some lack assurance because of the remaining power of their unredeemed flesh.

Number six, some lack assurance of salvation because they don’t see the _____ of _____ in their _____.

The source of your strongest assurance is your _____.

*****Nobody is too weak to be useful to God, but many people are too strong.**

When your faith is tested, it comes out refined, comes out stronger.

The reason assurance is not an issue in today’s church is because the preaching is so shallow, because the presentations of the Gospel are so superficial and trivial.

Today people do not understand that it’s hard to believe, the high cost of discipleship, the lordship of Christ, the real depth and breadth of repentance and the matter of obedience. They do not understand the pursuit of holiness.

This is not a new issue, [assurance]. In other eras of history in the church, when preaching was much stronger, this was a very, very important theme.

Preaching once called for the purest and truest kind of _____.

“Holy Affections”

Jonathan Edwards wrote “A Treatise on Religious Affections,” an absolutely critical and monumental document which was directed at the matter of evidence for true conversion.

**Edwards said that true salvation is demonstrated in _____
_____.**

Today there is a new view of salvation that has come on the scene, and we could call it the permanent nature of _____ and the temporary nature of _____.

Today people are coming and affirming that they’ve been delivered from hell and since they’re delivered from hell, that’s all taken care of, they can basically go out and give little regard to the burden of the cross, little regard for the duties that should be theirs as the servants of the Lord and allow themselves the enjoyment of their ease and their lusts.

Edwards says this is a dead giveaway of a false conversion. And I would venture to say that we all probably know people that fit into that mold.

Scriptures Cited: 2 Cor. 12:8-9, 10; Rom. 8:35; 1 John 3:18; James 2:17