

## How Assurance of Salvation Leads to Spiritual Maturity 1 John 2

Introduction: Overview of 1 John 1

### I. \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ gives assurance (vs.3-6)

A. Obedience Is Evidence of Fellowship With Christ.

- Obedience is not the \_\_\_\_\_ but the \_\_\_\_\_ of one who is Born-Again.

B. Disobedience Indicates A Lack Of Salvation. (vs.4)

Sin opens us for attack and there's a thief who comes to:

- Steal the joy of your salvation, by causing you doubt God's forgiveness.
- Kill you, which is his main objective.
- Destroy your testimony & make you Ineffective Witness for Christ.

Stop listening to the enemy and start listening more to God who forgives your sin and apply Romans 8:1

C. Obedience Leads To A Mature Love For God (vs.5)

- \_\_\_\_\_ is synonymous to all Christian's spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.

Do you desire for God's love to be perfected in your life? Keep His Word.

### II. Love for the \_\_\_\_\_ gives assurance

A. Loving Christians Is A Prime Marker of Salvation (vs.7-11)

(Matt 18:15-17) Did You Know That God Has A Remedy For Church Conflict?

B. Those Who Are In Christ Are Overcomers (vs.12-14)

**Hebrews 5:14** - But solid food is for the mature—for those whose senses "Have Been Trained" to Distinguish Between Good and Evil.

(1 Peter 2:2) Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation.

Do you desire to grow and become spiritually mature in Christ? (vs.14b is the key).  
**Has the Word of God made its home in you?**

- Moral Assurance - Those who know God strive to live in obedience to him.
- Family Assurance - Those who know God, Love other believers.

Children of God will display these characteristics by our speech and how we live.

### III. \_\_\_\_\_ in the teaching of the \_\_\_\_\_ gives assurance. (vs.18-27)

(vs.20-23) If you confess the Son, you have the Father. You have been anointed by the Holy One (Spirit), who gives all knowledge of the Truth. Now, that's assurance. Closing: For those who "claim to know God" and continue to:

- Live in Consistent Disobedience, and Denies the Reality of Sin (**vs.4**)
- Hate other Believers. (**vs.9**)
- Not Believe in the Incarnation (God embodied flesh) Jesus Christ. (**vs.22**)

Then, John made it plain that all these factors combined indicate that one has not embraced the Savior in an authentic saving way.

**Application:** Practical steps to keep/obey the Word or Abide In Christ.

- **Read the Word** to receive direction & clarity in our life (Psalm 119:105)
- **Hide/Store the Word** in your heart (Psalm 119:11)
- **Study the Word.** (2 Tim 2:15)
- **Hear/Listen to the Word** to grow in faith. (Romans 10:17)
- **Apply the Word** to walk like Jesus walked. (1 John 2:6)
- **Renew your mind by the Word** and to know will of God (Rom. 12:1-2)
- **The Word** corrects, instructs, and prepares us for God's work (2 Tim. 3:16-17)

Now, If The "Holy One" (Holy Spirit) lives In you, Then, Abide In Jesus Christ The only Master and Lord. Remember, the Spirit of God works from the Inside Out.