

The Anointing That Assures

Chapter 13 New Testament Audio Lesson #85



Objective: To understand the building blocks of assurance in 1 John



If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen.

—1 John 4:20

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

—1 John 2:15

Who is the liar? It is the man who denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a man is the antichrist—he denies the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

—1 John 2:22-23

John wrote 1 John so that those who believe in Jesus may know they have eternal life. In chapter 2, he gives building blocks of assurance. The first is to love our brother or neighbor. Jesus commanded that we love our neighbor as ourselves. He told the disciples to love one another so the world would know they were His. In this epistle, John says that anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in darkness. The second block of assurance is to love God more than the world and its mindset, values, and lifestyle.

Third is the anointing of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit keeps us doctrinally pure. Everyone who knows God knows the truth. The person who denies the Father and Jesus is a liar and an antichrist. If we have spiritual discernment, we have charisma or the Holy Spirit.

Fourth, people who are born of God do not habitually sin. They may fall into sin, but it is not natural for them. When we are born again, our patterns change. When we do sin, we confess—agree with God—and thank Him for His forgiveness.

Fifth, our salvation is not based on feelings. When our hearts condemn us, we should remember that our salvation is based on what He has done and our belief in Him, not on our emotions.



1. True or False: We can love God without loving our brother.
2. True or False: If we feel spiritual, we must be saved.
3. True or False: We can love the Father and the world at the same time.
4. True or False: People who are born of God often make a practice of sinning.

Choose all answers that apply.

5. What are some reasons why we might doubt our salvation?
 - a. Discouragement about our spiritual growth
 - b. Physical exhaustion from ministry
 - c. Spiritual warfare
 - d. All of the above
6. What is one of the building blocks of assurance?
 - a. Spiritual discernment
 - b. Others' opinions of us
 - c. Loving the world
 - d. Being a good person
7. Why is it important to be sure of our salvation?
 - a. It can help us be effective witnesses for Christ.
 - b. It can comfort us.
 - c. So that you can experience physical healing.
 - d. It is impossible to be sure.
8. What does it mean to love God more than the world?
 - a. To follow His ways and live for Him.
 - b. To be totally separated from the world
 - c. To love God and hate nonbelievers.
 - d. To be considered a success by the church.

9. Why can we not love God and the world at the same time?
 - a. We are human and not capable of such love.
 - b. We are supposed to love the world, because then we can be effective witnesses.
 - c. Everything in the world—its values, lifestyle, and mindset—is contrary to God’s holy nature.
 - d. The world is full of sinners, and God does not like sinners.

10. How can we know if we have the Holy Spirit?
 - a. When we speak in tongues
 - b. When we have experienced a miracle.
 - c. The fruit of the Spirit will be evident in our lives.
 - d. The Holy Spirit teaches us spiritual truth.

11. What role do our feelings play in assurance?
 - a. If we feel like we are saved, then we must be.
 - b. God’s salvation does not change with our feelings.
 - c. If our hearts condemn us, God does too.
 - d. Our salvation is based not upon feelings but the fact that we trust in the Gospel.

12. How is sin an important indicator of our salvation?
 - a. We do not live a life of habitual sin.
 - b. We never sin again.
 - c. We do not concern ourselves with sin.
 - d. We only commit little sins.



Do you feel pulled by a love for the world? How? What are some areas of your life that need to be submitted to the Father?

Which building block of assurance is most helpful to you? Why? Which one do you find the hardest to understand or believe?



Thank God that we can be sure of our salvation. Ask Him to use the building blocks of assurance to confirm your salvation and grow your faith in Him so that you can share it with others. Thank God that your salvation does not depend on your feelings. Thank God for the way His Spirit works in your heart and life to teach you truth and to confirm that you are His. Ask Him to help you remember what you have learned in this study any time you feel unsure of your salvation.



Going Deeper

1. How would you apply personally and explain to others the way John tells us that the Anointing within us, which keeps us doctrinally pure, is a building block of assurance? _____

2. Explain and personally apply the way the Apostle Paul teaches the same thing in 1 Corinthians 2 and 12: 3. _____

3. Explain and personally apply the way John tells us in chapter 3 that there are two kinds of people in this world, the sons of God and the sons of the devil, and that this can be another building block of assurance. _____

4. How would you personally apply and explain to others the reality that the sons of God do not sin? _____

5. Do the same for John's teaching that the sons of God cannot sin because His seed remains in them. _____

6. How would you personally apply and explain to others the teaching of John (in 3: 18-23) that, if we feel depressed, God is greater than how we feel? _____

7. How would you apply personally and explain to others the prescription that John gives for overcoming depression and finding another building block of assurance in the reality that loving one another should assure us? _____
