

The Book of 1st John Speaks to Christian Men about Assurance of Salvation

Week Six

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Introduction:

John 10:28-30 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand. **30** I and *my* Father are one.

Author: John the Apostle Timing: 90-95AD Audience: The believers at the Church

The book of 1st John was written by John the Apostle because he was in an evangelical battle to keep pure the teachings of the Gospel. To keep Jesus center stage as the “Son of God” the “Christ” the true “Anointed One,” and the Salvation of Man. John gives a direct and unambiguous picture of the saved believer’s relationship with Jesus Christ. John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” John is fighting the intellectuals in Ephesus as they are trying to challenge the deity of Jesus.

The underlying theme of the book is the proper mind set of a believer toward Salvation. That is, sound attention to the basics of Christianity; faith, obedience, and love. These lead to happiness, holiness, and assurance.

Chapter Five

5:1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.

5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

1. Who begat and who is begotten? Relate vs 2 to the greatest commandment in Mat 22:36-40. So how do we show our love for God? Mic 6:8 John 13:35, Psa 119:140

5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even* our faith.

5:5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

2. Discuss “commandments are not grievous.” Who is born of God in vs 4? How does believing in Christ help us overcome the world? Heb 8:10 John 16:33

5:6 This is he that came by water and blood, *even* Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.

5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

5:8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

3. How did Christ come from water and blood? Lev 17:11, Mat 26:28 Compare the Father, Word, and Holy Ghost versus the spirit, water, and blood? How are they one?
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5:9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.

5:10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

5:11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

4. What is the witness of God? John 5:31-36. This passage tells us the most important component of our faith; what is it and why? Gal 2:20, John 3:36.
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5:12 He that hath the Son hath life: *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

5. John is making it abundantly clear what is salvation. There is no question! Praise God! Now ask, "Am I Saved?" The answer should be clear. 1 Cor 1:30, John 20:31.
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5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

5:15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

6. Contrast, just asking God, versus asking God according to his will. John 15:7, James 4:3. What does it take to have God hear our petitions? James 5:16, Mat 7:7-11
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5:16 If any man see his brother sin a sin *which is* not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.

5:17 All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.

7. What is the “sin onto death?” Mat 12:31, 32 Heb 6:4-6. How did Ananias & Sapphira commit this sin? Acts 5:1-11. What is a believer’s seared conscience? 1 Tim 4:1,2
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5:18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

5:19 *And* we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

8. Who is verse 18 talking about? James 1:18, 1 Pet 1:23. What is the point of verse 19? Gal 1:4, James 4:42 Cor 4:4,
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5:20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, *even* in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

5:21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

9. The “understanding” we are given is of Salvation, and the path to Salvation, and the assurance of salvation? Mat 13:11. What are we expected to do after we are Saved... a one word answer? 1Pet 1:2, 2 Th 2:13. What does it mean and how does it flow from our Assurance of Salvation?
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Summary:

Thank you for joining me in the study of the fifth and last chapter to the book of 1st John. John the apostle’s first century battle for the purity of the Gospel of Christ defines for us how to know, we know, we are saved. We end our study where we started, learning of the proper mind set toward Salvation. That is, sound attention to the basics of Christianity; faith, obedience, and love. These lead to happiness, holiness, and assurance. God bless you.

Thank you for attending,

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