

Blessed Assurance

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SERMON NOTES

1 Jn. 5:11f

I. What Assurance Is — and What It Isn't

A. What Assurance Is:

Romans 8:1

Romans 5:1-2

Hebrews 6:19

B. What It Isn't:

Matthew 25:26

Galatians 5:4

Hebrews 10:26

II. Our Assurance Is Based on the Promises of God

A. Eternal life is found **in Christ**, and those who **abide in Him** can know they are saved.

1 John 5:11-13

John 10:27-28

Titus 3:5-7

Hebrews 10:22-23

III. Our Assurance Is Bolstered by Our Obedience and Growth

A. Obedience doesn't earn salvation, but it confirms it.

1 John 1:7-9

1 John 2:3-5

John 15:14

John 14:15

2 Peter 1:10

IV. Assurance Produces Confidence, Not Complacency

A. True assurance moves us to serve, to worship, and to persevere in times of trials.

Philippians 2:12-13

1 Corinthians 15:58

Hebrews 6:11-12

V. Jesus' Words Confirm the Believer's Assurance

A. Jesus Taught That Believers Can Be Secure in Him.

John 5:24

John 14:3

John 15:2-6

CONCLUSIONS:

Hebrews 10:22-23 – (Hebrews 11:6; 1 John 1:9; Acts 22:16; Romans 10:9)

Lesson 2: Assurance in God's Faithfulness

Text: Lamentations 3:21–24

“Great is Your faithfulness.”

I. Introduction: Can I Count on God?

In a changing world, where even well-meaning people fail us, can we truly rely on God?

Yes — because His faithfulness is not seasonal, emotional, or flawed. It is **unchanging, trustworthy, and eternal**.

II. God's Faithfulness Is Rooted in His Character

- **Numbers 23:19** – “God is not man, that He should lie.”
- **2 Timothy 2:13** – “If we are faithless, He remains faithful.”
- **Malachi 3:6** – “I the Lord do not change.”

God is faithful not because of who we are, but because of **who He is**.

III. God Is Faithful in Trials and Temptations

- **1 Corinthians 10:13** – “God is faithful... He will provide a way of escape.”
- **Hebrews 10:23** – “He who promised is faithful.”
- **Psalms 91:4** – “His faithfulness is a shield and buckler.”

He doesn't promise ease — He promises **presence, strength, and purpose**.

IV. God's Faithfulness Sustains Our Assurance

- **Philippians 1:6** – “He who began a good work... will complete it.”
- **Romans 8:28** – “All things work together for good...”
- **1 Thessalonians 5:23–24** – “He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.”

We don't place our assurance in our own faithfulness — but in **God's ability to finish what He started**.

V. † Jesus Demonstrated God's Faithfulness

1. Jesus Trusted the Father's Faithfulness in Gethsemane

“Not my will, but Yours be done.” — Luke 22:42

- In His deepest distress, Jesus trusted God's plan would not fail.

2. Jesus Assured His Disciples of God's Reliability

"Your Father knows what you need before you ask Him." – Matthew 6:8

"It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." – Luke 12:32

3. Jesus Kept Every Promise He Made

- He rose from the dead as promised (Matthew 16:21).
- He sent the Holy Spirit as promised (John 14:16–17).

Jesus is the proof that **God keeps His word** — all of it.

Conclusion: Great Is His Faithfulness

When you can't trust your feelings, trust His promises.

When you can't trace His hand, trust His heart.

Your assurance is safe — not in your strength — but in **His faithfulness**.

Call to Action:

- Write down a time when God proved faithful
 - Meditate on Lamentations 3:21–24 this week
 - Thank God for what He has not yet finished — because He will
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Lesson 3: Assurance Through the Spirit

Text: Romans 8:14–17

"The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God..."

I. Introduction: Do I Really Belong?

Even believers sometimes ask: *"Am I really God's child?"*

God's answer is not based on feelings but **Spirit-confirmed truth**. The Holy Spirit assures believers that they belong to the Father.

II. The Spirit Confirms Our Adoption

- **Romans 8:15–17** – We cry, "Abba, Father."
- **Galatians 4:6–7** – The Spirit assures us we're no longer slaves but sons.
- **Ephesians 1:13–14** – The Spirit is our "guarantee" of inheritance.

God doesn't just save us — He **claims us**, seals us, and walks with us.

III. The Spirit Helps, Strengthens, and Guides

- **John 14:26** – The Spirit teaches and reminds
- **Romans 8:26** – The Spirit intercedes when we are weak
- **Galatians 5:16** – Walk by the Spirit to overcome the flesh

The Spirit is not a vague feeling — He is an active person in our daily walk.

IV. The Spirit Grows Our Assurance Over Time

- **2 Corinthians 1:21–22** – He anoints and seals us
 - **1 John 4:13** – We know we abide in Him because of the Spirit
 - **Romans 5:5** – “God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit”
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V. † Jesus Promised the Spirit Would Assure and Empower

1. Jesus Promised the Spirit Would Be Our Helper

“I will not leave you as orphans... the Helper, the Holy Spirit... will be with you forever.” – John 14:16–18

2. Jesus Described the Spirit’s Role in Truth and Assurance

“He will guide you into all truth.” – John 16:13

“He will glorify Me... and declare it to you.” – John 16:14

3. Jesus Modeled Life in the Spirit

- Jesus was **filled with the Spirit** (Luke 4:1)
- He **rejoiced in the Spirit** (Luke 10:21)
- He **was led and empowered** by the Spirit in His ministry (Acts 10:38)

Jesus sent the Spirit as a **gift of assurance** to remind us that we belong to God.

Conclusion: The Spirit Is Our Living Proof

You are not alone.

You are not unsure.

You are **sealed by the Spirit** — God’s signature on your life.

Call to Action:

- Pray for a deeper walk with the Spirit
- Look for the Spirit’s fruit and conviction in your life
- Let the Spirit lead your thoughts, decisions, and identity

Lesson 4: Assurance in the Day of Judgment

Text: 1 John 4:16–18

“Perfect love casts out fear... because fear has to do with punishment.”

I. Introduction: Do I Have to Fear the Judgment?

Many believers fear death or judgment — but we don’t have to. When we live in Christ, judgment is not a **threat**, but a **coronation**. It’s not doom — it’s **reward**.

II. Judgment Is Real and Personal

- **2 Corinthians 5:10** – All will stand before the judgment seat of Christ
 - **Romans 14:12** – “Each of us will give an account of himself to God.”
 - **Hebrews 9:27** – It is appointed for man to die once, and then the judgment
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III. In Christ, We Have Boldness — Not Fear

- **1 John 4:17–18** – “Boldness in the day of judgment... perfect love casts out fear”
- **John 3:18** – “Whoever believes in Him is not condemned”
- **Romans 8:1** – “There is therefore now no condemnation...”

Assurance replaces dread with **eager expectation**.

IV. Assurance Produces Holiness, Not Complacency

- **Titus 2:11–13** – We live holy lives while “waiting for the blessed hope”
 - **1 Peter 1:13–16** – “Set your hope fully on the grace... and be holy”
 - **2 Peter 3:10–14** – Because judgment is real, we must “be diligent to be found... without spot or blemish”
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V. † Jesus' Words Give Confidence in Judgment

1. Jesus Described Judgment for the Righteous and the Wicked

“These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.” – Matthew 25:46

- Judgment is real — but so is **reward** for the faithful.

2. Jesus Promised Eternal Life to Believers

“Whoever hears my word and believes... has eternal life and will not come into judgment.” – John 5:24

- In Christ, judgment is not condemnation — it's confirmation.

3. Jesus Said, “Do Not Fear”

“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” – Luke 12:32

Jesus didn't die so we would live in fear — He died so we would **live in hope**.

Conclusion: Judgment Is Coming — And That's Good News

To those in Christ, judgment is not the end — it's the **beginning of forever**.

Call to Action:

- Make peace with God now (2 Corinthians 6:2)
- Live with joyful anticipation, not dread
- Help others prepare with confidence, not fear