



Sermon series: Joy Full  
Text: 1 John 3:19-24  
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## The Joy of Assurance

**Big Idea: A confident assurance results in a steady joy.**

“Assurance of salvation is a God-given awareness that He has accepted the death of Christ on your behalf and forgiven you of your sins. It involves confidence that God loves you, that he has chosen you, and that you will go to Heaven. Assurance includes a sense of freedom from the guilt of sin, relief from the fear of judgment, and joy in your relationship with God as your Father.” -Donald S. Whitney

**The Problem of Assurance: We \_\_\_\_\_ too much on \_\_\_\_\_. (vs.19-20)**

1. Our obedience can \_\_\_\_\_ our assurance.
2. Our imperfect obedience can \_\_\_\_\_ our assurance.

“For every look at self — take ten looks at Christ!” – Robert M’Cheyne

**The Power for Assurance: We \_\_\_\_\_ going back to the \_\_\_\_\_. (vs.20-21)**

1. The gospel \_\_\_\_\_ our accusing hearts. (Romans 8:34)
2. The gospel gives us \_\_\_\_\_ before God. (Hebrews 10:19-21)

*Have you realized that most of your unhappiness in life is due to the fact that you are listening to yourself instead of talking to yourself? You have to take yourself in hand, you have to address yourself, preach to yourself, question yourself. -Martyn Lloyd-Jones*

**The Product of Assurance: We \_\_\_\_\_ into God. (vs.21-22)**

1. We \_\_\_\_\_ to God with joyful confidence.
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ God with joyful confidence.

**The Process of our Assurance: We continue \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 23-24)**

*How have you seen evaluation of yourself to be a good tool to confirm your salvation? What are some of the ways God has grown you and changed you that have served to confirm your salvation?*

*How have you seen evaluation of yourself actually rattle your assurance of salvation? What can help you to evaluate yourself without rattling your assurance?*

*Should guilt ever be the thing that motivates a Christian to do something? Why or why not?*



*What are some of the accusations your heart tends to throw at you? What areas of your life is your heart most likely to condemn or accuse you in?*

*What does it look like in practice to preach the gospel to yourself every day? What are the moments where you most need to preach the gospel to yourself throughout the day?*

*What are areas in the Christian life where you are more prone to act out of duty rather than joy? Is it a bad thing to act out of duty rather than joy? How might assurance of God's love help this area of your life become more joyful?*

*How can gathering together with other Christians actually serve to increase our assurance of our salvation and God's love for us?*

*What are the things you are facing or going through that make it most difficult to be assured and confident of God's love for you? As a CARE Group spend some time praying for each other in these areas.*

Further Resources

- [Am I Real? A Basic Guide to Christian Assurance. Scott Hubbard](#)
- [Assured: Discover Grace, Let Go of Guilt, and Rest in Your Salvation. Greg Gilbert](#)