

“Assurance”

1 John 5:11-13

Introduction

- I. Doubt robs too many Christians of the joy and assurance of their salvation.
- II. The doubt often leads to anxiety and fear (1 John 4:18).
- III. Christians do not have to live in fear, for we can know that we are saved!

Discussion

- I. Can we be certain that we are saved?
 - A. Do we trust Jesus (Mark 16:16)?
 - B. Do we trust inspired authors (2 Tim. 1:12; 4:6-8; 2 Pet. 1:10; 1 John 2:3-5; 5:13)?
 - C. Would God lie to us (Heb. 6:18)?
- II. How can we obtain such assurance?
 - A. Do what the Bible teaches in order to be in Christ!
 1. Salvation is in the Son of God (1 John 5:11-12; cf. Eph. 2:4-13).
 2. Paul taught how a person gets into Christ (Rom. 6:3-6; Gal. 3:26-29).
 - a. This can only happen once a person meets certain requirements that God has commanded.
 - b. Believe that Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24); Repent of past sins (Acts 2:38); Confess faith that Jesus is the Son of God (Matt. 10:32-33).
 - B. Make sure that I am faithfully committed to the Lord (John 15:1-5; 2 Cor. 13:5)!
 1. Do we try to justify our sins, or do we acknowledge our sins (1 John 1:6-10)?
 2. Have we quit on the Lord (Heb. 3:6-14; 6:18-19; 10:23)?

Conclusion

- I. The only thing keeping you from assurance of salvation is you!
- II. The Lord endured what He did so that you could have salvation!