

# BLESSED ASSURANCES YOU NEED TO KNOW -- PT 1

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1<sup>st</sup> JOHN 5:18-21

English Standard Version (ESV)

18 *We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.*

19 *We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.*

20 *And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. 21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols.*

CHAPTER 5:6-12 -- GOD'S TESTIMONY OF JESUS CHRIST

CHAPTER 5:13-17 -- GOD'S ASSURANCE OF SALVATION FOR TRUE BELIEVERS vs 13

-- GOD'S ANSWER TO PRAYERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS WILL

CHAPTER 5:18-21 -- BLESSED ASSURANCES YOU NEED TO KNOW

- If you are not saved, turn to Christ in belief and receive them!
- If you are saved, realize and enjoy them!

## #1 THE ASSURANCE OF VICTORY OVER SIN

UNCOVERED PEOPLE are helpless in regards to their sin:

- They are sinners from birth.

Psalms 51:5

*Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.*

- They are enslaved to their sin.

John 8:34

*Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.*

Romans 6:16

*Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?*

- They are defiant and rebellious toward God.

Psalms 5:10

*Make them bear their guilt, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out, for they have rebelled against You.*

- They are under **Satan's domination**.

Ephesians 2:2

*in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—*

- They are completely **dead** in their trespasses and sins.

Ephesians 2:1

*And you were dead in the trespasses and sins...*

Ephesians 2:13

*When you were dead in your trespasses and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our trespasses,*

## **CONVERTED PEOPLE have upward victory over sin their lives.**

Scripture indicates that they cannot live in an unbroken pattern of sin.

- Sin is **incompatible** with the law of God -- which is on the hearts of true believers.

1 John 3:4

*Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.*

- Sin is **incompatible** with the work of Christ.

Romans 8:2

*For the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.*

- Converted people **love God's law**.

Psalms 119:97, 113, 153, 163, 165

97 *Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day.*

113 *I hate the double-minded, but I love your law.*

153 *Look on my affliction and deliver me, for I do not forget your law.*

163 *I hate and abhor falsehood, but I love your law.*

165 *Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble.*

- Converted people cannot **continually live** in violation of God's law.

1 John 2:3-4; 3:4; 5:3

*3 And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. 4 Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him,*

- Converted people will **display evidence** of being Christ's disciples.

John 15:8

*By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.*

## **QUESTIONS FOR APPLICATION:**

- 1) *Has Christ made a difference in my life? Has anything changed concerning the way I live? If so, what?*
- 2) *Do I live in sin against God and others? If so, in all honesty, am I ok with that? Do I even realize it?*
- 3) *Do I display the characteristics of a converted person? Is there evidence that I love God's Word?  
Is there evidence that I love His people? Is there evidence/proof that Christ lives in me?*

**NEXT SERMON: The Believer's Struggle with Sin (pre-read Romans 5-8)**