



Lessons on Assurance

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LESSON 1

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

MEMORIZE 1 JOHN 5:11-12

Assurance of Salvation

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life: he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

—1 John 5:11-12

The five verses you will memorize and study in Lessons on Assurance will equip you for your first encounters with the enemy. His first approach is often to cast doubt on the work God has done in your heart. Although you won't hear his audible voice, he will whisper this in your mind: "You don't think you are saved and your sins forgiven just by believing and receiving Christ? Surely that is not enough!"

What will your answer be? Your only hope of successfully resisting such an attack is to resort to God's word. What does God say about the matter? That is the important thing for you to know.

On the basis of this "testimony" - God's written word - you can be convinced you have the Lord Jesus Christ, and with him eternal life. You can thus overcome in this first test of your faith. The attack may recur, but now you can meet it with the word of God in your heart.

EXPLORING 1 JOHN 5:11-12

Who gives eternal life?

Where is eternal life found?

Who has eternal life?

Who does not have eternal life?

"THIS IS THE TESTIMONY"

1. What did John say in John 20:31 about why he wrote the book?

"GOD HAS GIVEN US ETERNAL LIFE"

2. According to Romans 5:8, how has God shown that he loves you?

3. What result of man's sinfulness are listed in Isaiah 59:2?



4. Read Ephesians 2:8-9. Why do human effort always fail to reach God?

5. In 1 Peter 3:18 how did Peter explain what God has done to bring men to Himself?

6. How did John say a person receives the gift of salvation in John 1:12?

“HE WHO HAS THE SON HAS LIFE”

7. According to John 5:24, what three things are the result of hearing and believing?

PRESENT _____

FUTURE _____

PAST _____

8. What did Jesus promise His followers in John 10:27-29?

9. What takes place when a person becomes a Christian, as described in 2 Corinthians 5:17?

Which of the following changes have you experienced in your life? (Check all that apply)

Inner peace

New awareness of sin

Victory over sin

New love for God

Desire to read the Bible

Attitude changes

Sense of forgiveness

New concern for others

WRITE OUT 1 JOHN 5:11-12 FROM MEMORY

APPLYING 1 JOHN 5:11-12

Meditate on 1 John 5:11-12 and consider how to apply it to your life.

How do you know you have eternal life?

Now take a few moments to thank God for all he has given you in Jesus Christ

LESSON 2

ASSURANCE OF ANSWERED PRAYER

Review 1 John 5:11-12

MEMORIZE JOHN 16:24

Assurance of answered prayer

Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive and your joy will be complete

—John 16:24

Another attack of Satan may be to cause you to doubt the effectiveness of prayer. He may whisper to you, “Do you think God is really personally interested in you? He’s far away, and concerned about more important things. Surely you don’t think He’ll hear your prayers much less answer them!”

But with Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, you have the unique privilege of speaking directly with your heavenly Father through Him. God wants you to come confidently into His presence through Christ and to talk to Him about everything (look up Philippians 4:6 and Hebrews 4:14-16). He is intensely interested in you and your needs.

In the memory verse for this lesson, John 16:24, Jesus was speaking to His disciples the night before His crucifixion. He did not tell them they had never asked for anything in prayer. But He said they had not asked *in His name*. You yourself have probably prayed many times, especially when in trouble. But as a believer in Christ you can ask in Jesus’ name, because you belong to Him. To ask in His name means to ask in His authority and on His merit. Just as the Father answered Jesus’ every prayer, so He will answer you when you ask in Jesus’ name.

Memorize this promise, apply its truth, and experience the joy of answered prayer.

EXPLORING JOHN 16:24

What is prayer?

In whose name should you pray?

What results from prayer?

“UNTIL NOW YOU HAVE NOT ASKED FOR ANYTHING IN MY NAME”

1. What does Jesus teach about prayer in Matthew 7:7-8?



2. What are some important conditions for answered prayer?
John 15:7

1 John 5:14-15

“ASK AND YOU WILL RECEIVE”

3. What is characteristic of God’s answers to prayer?
Jeremiah 33:3

Ephesians 3:20

4. Read Matthew 7:9-11. What kind of gifts does God give His children?

How do you think God would respond to a request for something He knew would be bad for you?

What do you think God would do if He knew the answer would be better for you at another time?

5. Read Philippians 4:6-7. What is the wrong reaction to have toward difficult circumstances?

What is the right response?

What is the result of the right response?

“YOUR JOY WILL BE COMPLETE”

6. From Philippians 4:7, what results from the peace that comes through prayer?

7. Read Luke 1:13-14. What resulted when Zechariah and Elizabeth prayed for a son?

8. What are some hindrances to answered prayer?

James 4:3

Psalm 66:18



WRITE OUT JOHN 16:24 FROM MEMORY

Four important areas of prayer are:

- ADORATION Reflecting on God Himself. Praise Him for His love, His power and majesty and His wonderful gift of Christ.
- CONFESSION Admitting your sins to God. Be honest and humble. Remember He knows you and loves you still.
- THANKSGIVING Telling God how grateful you are for everything He has given - even the unpleasant things. Your thankfulness will help you see His purposes.
- SUPPLICATION Making specific requests, both for others and for yourself.

The first letters of these four words forms the word "ACTS" Use this as a mental guide for a balanced prayer life.

APPLYING JOHN 16:24

List four specific things you can pray about today. Pause right now and talk to God about them.

ADORATION _____

CONFESSION _____

THANKSGIVING _____

SUPPLICATION _____

LESSON 3

ASSURANCE OF VICTORY

Review the following verses:

___ 1 John 5:11-12

___ John 16:24

MEMORIZE 1 Corinthians 10:13

Assurance of Victory

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

— 1 Corinthians 10:13

Still another attack from Satan may be along this line: He will whisper to you, “You have life, all right, but you are a weakling; you have always been a weakling.”

He will remind you of some sin which has gripped you for years. He will point to something of which you are keenly aware, and say, “You are weak, and you may be able to stand against others, but not this one.”

How will you answer him? Will you attempt to reason? Will you try to produce your own arguments? Will you run to see what other people say? Or will you resort to the invincible word of God? Knowing 1 Corinthians 10:13 will allow you to ward off this attack. God promises victory. It belongs to you as His child. Believe Him, and you will see how God does things that are impossible with men. It will thrill you to see chains of lifetime habits broken by His mighty power.

EXPLORING 1 CORINTHIANS 10:13

What is true about every temptation you face?

Who can give you victory when you are tempted?

Does God remove temptation?

What does God do for you?



“TEMPTATION... IS COMMON TO MAN”

1. What is a major source of temptation that James described in James 1:13-14?

2. Read 1 John 2:15-16. What are three primary areas of temptation?

3. According to Peter’s statement in 1 Peter 5:8, what is the devil seeking to do when he tempts you?

“GOD IS FAITHFUL”

4. What does God do for you, according to 2 Thessalonians 3:3?

5. What does Hebrews 4:15 tell you about Jesus Christ?

“A WAY OUT”

6. What are some things you can do to keep temptation from leading into sin?

Matthew 6:9, 13

Psalm 119:9-11

1 John 5:4-5

Hebrews 4:16

James 4:7

WRITE OUT 1 CORINTHIANS 10:13 FROM MEMORY

APPLYING 1 CORINTHIANS 10:13

What is a temptation that frequently seizes you?

What do you think God’s way of escape is?

LESSON 4

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Review the following verses:

- ___ 1 John 5:11-12
- ___ John 16:24
- ___ 1 Corinthians 10:13

MEMORIZE 1 JOHN 1:9

Assurance of Forgiveness

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

— 1 John 1:9

Although victory over sin is rightfully yours, there will be times when you miss the way of escape. You will fail and sin against God. Once you do, your enemy will be on the job immediately: “Now you’ve done it. Aren’t you supposed to be a Christian? Christians don’t do those things.”

But God makes provision in His word for the failures of His children, as we see in 1 John 1:9. We receive His full forgiveness, but also to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. What a gracious provision!

EXPLORING 1 JOHN 1:9

What does God want you to do about your sins?

What does it mean to confess?

In His act of forgiving us, how is God described?

What else does God do when you confess your sins?



“IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS”

1. Read 1 John 1:8-10. What did John say you should recognize about yourself?

2. What should be your attitude toward sin?
Psalm 139:23-24

Psalm 38:18

3. What should accompany your confession of sin, according to Proverbs 28:13?

“HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST AND WILL FORGIVE...AND PURIFY”

4. How is God described in Psalm 86:5?

5. According to Ephesians 1:7, on what basis are you forgiven?

6. What does Hebrews 10:12 say about Christ's sacrifice?

7. Read Hebrews 10:17. Why is it foolish for you to continue to feel guilty about sin?

8. According to Ephesians 4:32 what should be your attitude toward those who have offended you? Why?

WRITE OUT 1 JOHN 1:9 FROM MEMORY

APPLYING 1 JOHN 1:9

Perhaps as you worked on this lesson something came to your mind which is hindering your fellowship with God - some sin you have committed for which you have not asked forgiveness. If so, write down what God brought to your mind.

Confess this to God, and claim the promise of 1 John 1:9 that He has forgiven your sin. Thank Him for His forgiveness.

LESSON 5

ASSURANCE OF GUIDANCE

Review the following verses:

- __1 John 5:11-12
- __John 16:24
- __1 Corinthians 10:13
- __1 John 1:9

MEMORIZE PROVERBS 3:5-6

Assurance of Guidance

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6

You may have questions about the future, wondering how this new life of yours is going to work out. What about God's will for your life? Will He really lead you?

God does promise to lead you as you rely on Him completely. He can guide you perfectly, for He knows all your needs, and has infinite wisdom power, and riches to give you the best life possible.

He deserves your trust.

EXPLORING PROVERBS 3:5-6

What are three things you are told to do?

When these conditions are met, what are you promised?

"TRUST IN THE LORD"

1. Read Psalm 32:8. What can you trust God to do for you?

2. According to Romans 12:1-2, what steps should be taken to experience God's will?



How is God's will described?

3. To whom does God promise special blessing in Jeremiah 17:7?

“LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING”

4. What warning does God give in Jeremiah 17:5

5. Read Isaiah 55:8-9 Why should we not limit ourselves to human understanding?

6. What principle, described in John 6:38, did Jesus follow in making decisions?

“IN ALL YOUR WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM”

7. List some of the “ways” of your life in which you need to acknowledge God (for example: spending money, your job, leisure time).

Select one of them and tell how you can better acknowledge God in this area.

“HE WILL MAKE YOUR PATHS STRAIGHT”

1 CORINTHIANS 2:12

9. Read James 1:5. What should you do about situations you don't understand?

How are you to ask? (James 1:6-7)

10. What precedes the fulfillment of God's promises, according to Hebrews 10:36?

WRITE OUT PROVERBS 3:5-6 FROM MEMORY.

APPLYING PROVERBS 3:5-6

Describe a situation in your life which you are seeking God's guidance.

List ways that show how you can trust God in this situation.

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