



**Series: 1 John**

**Lesson: 4. Assurance in Christ**

**Passage: 1 John 2:3–14**

**STRONGLY Recommended Reading: 1 John (weekly) & Gospel of John**  
(at least once during our study)

- **Christlike \_\_\_\_\_ Assures Us of Our Salvation.**  
**(vv3–6)**
  - Obeying Christ’s commands is \_\_\_\_\_ of genuine salvation; the opposite is also true.

***Jer. 31:33 – “But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the Lord, “I will put My law **within them and on their heart** I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.”***

- Obedience will naturally come from \_\_\_\_\_ those who have truly been regenerated.
- τελειώω [tělěiōō] –

- We know that the love of God has accomplished its purpose in a person when he/she actually \_\_\_\_\_ Christ!
- The crux of the argument is whether or not we walk as \_\_\_\_\_ walked. (cf. Rom. 6)
- Our assurance comes from measuring our lives against Christ.
- **Christlike \_\_\_\_\_ Assures Us of Our Salvation. (vv7–11)**
  - What’s the old commandment that’s also new?

*Matt. 22:34–40 – But when the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered themselves together. <sup>35</sup>One of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, <sup>36</sup>“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” <sup>37</sup>And He said to him, “**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.**” <sup>38</sup>This is the great and foremost commandment. <sup>39</sup>The second is like it, ‘**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**’ <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.”*

- He’s reminding them that this has been God’s expectation all along.

- How is it new then?
  - It has new force because of our ultimate example.

*John 13:34–35 – “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, **even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.** <sup>35</sup>By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”*

- The command hasn't changed, but the extent has.
- This can be true in us because the darkness that was in us has been defeated, and we are in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ. (cf. John 1:1–13)
- Those 'in darkness' are ignorant of both the true nature of their actions and of their self-deception. (cf. 2 Cor. 4:3–4)
- Our assurance comes from seeing *Christ's* love for our brothers in us.

- A \_\_\_\_\_ to Encourage and Exhort. (vv12–14)
  - Split into two very similar halves
    - First half is to encourage true believers of where their assurance ultimately comes from in light of all the challenges from false teachers.
    - Second half to prepare them for the exhortations to come to reject the world in light of that assurance.

### What Do We Do with These Truths?

1. Assurance of salvation is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Assurance of salvation is found in \_\_\_\_\_.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How do you explain the healthy way to view our obedience as an *assurance* of salvation without saying our obedience *earns* our salvation?
2. What are some concrete ways we can love our 'brothers' as Christ loved us?

**Blanks:** Obedience, evidence, within, obeys, Christ, Love, Light, Poem, possible, Christ