

"When In Doubt"

-1 John 3:19-24-

Introduction:

- Have John's assurances actually caused doubt in your heart? Why are you doubting?

In 1 John 3:19-24, we receive loving pastoral assurance so that we don't fall into needless doubt and despair.

1) Relief for a Condemned Heart (vv. 19-20):

- The relief for doubt is biblical _____.
- Relief comes from _____ God is producing _____ in us.
- Relief comes from _____ God is _____ and saved us.

Notes:

2) Reward for a Confident Heart (vv. 21-23):

- We have _____ to speak _____ with the Father.
- We have _____ we will _____ what we ask of Him.
- We have _____ because we _____ obediently to Him.

Notes:

3) Reason for a Cleansed Heart (v. 24):

- A heart truly _____ is a heart that _____ in Christ.
- The reason you _____ in Christ is He _____ in you.
- The reason you _____ is His Spirit _____ in you.

Notes:

Conclusion:

- God has given us our conscience which convicts us.
 - Is your heart still causing you to doubt your salvation in Christ? Why? How?
- Examine your convictions through the lens of Scripture.
 - What does 1 John or other Scripture say about the areas causing you doubt?
- If your conviction is necessary then humble yourself.
 - What do you need to confess to God? What do you need to turn away from?
- If your conviction is unnecessary then believe God.
 - What passage can bring encouragement? Who can be trusted more than God?
- Always submit your feelings to the Truth of the Bible.
 - Have you ever been wrong? Can your heart be fully trusted? Where is Truth?

"These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life."

-- 1 John 5:13