



GROWTH GROUP SERMON CURRICULUM

Assured | January 19, 2020 | 1 John 3:19-24

“For whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.” –1 John 3:20

FROM THE TEXT

- Read 1 John 3:19-24. Make some observations. What does our passage say about: believers, God, God’s commands, and the work of the Spirit? How do all of these play a role in a believers assurance of their salvation? (Summarize the passage in your own words and share it with a partner.)
- Read Mark 12:28-34. How does this passage connect to our passage above? Explain.

FROM THE SERMON

- Can you remember the two ways that pastor Chris listed that we can reassure ourselves that we are saved? (help: generosity and obedience). What conclusions did he draw about salvation from these two categories? How were these helpful to you?
- Pastor Chris made this statement on Sunday: “Does it really make any sense to accept all the truth about Jesus and not to be fully committed to him?” Why do you think so many professing believers say they accept the truth about Jesus, but fail in integrating that truth in everyday life as a sign of their total commitment to him? Where do you think the breakdown is?

FOR YOUR LIFE | APPLICATION | ACCOUNTABILITY

- Why is the Holy Spirit such an amazing gift to the believer? How does the Holy Spirit reassure us of our salvation and empower us in our obedience to God’s commands? Can you think of any other New Testament passages that refer to the Holy Spirit’s purpose and work? (help: John 14:15-25, Romans 8:1-27).
- Why is the theme of assurance so important in the life of a believer? Why do you think firm assurance is needed in order for a believer to be fully mature in their faith?

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for the Holy Spirit to fill us with assurance and empower us for generous obedience!