

“The Truth of Living for the Cross”

Confidence Before God

1 John 3:19-24

Introduction:

Confidence – is certainty and assurance of one's relationship with God, a sense of boldness that is dependent on a realization of one's acceptance by God, and a conviction that one's destiny is secure in God.

I. Being of the Truth v.19a

- a. Means born of Righteousness 1 John 2:29

II. Assured Heart Before God v. 19b

- a. When we continue in God 1 John 2:28

III. If Our Heart (Conscience) Condemns Us v.20a

- a. When we don't measure up to the standard of love

IV. God's Greater Than Our Hearts v.20b

- a. The Holy Spirit knows the man 1 Cor 2:11-12

V. Confidence Before God v. 21

- a. When we sin we have an advocate 1 John 2:1

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VI. Whatever We Ask, We Receive From Him v.22

- a. When we make His will our will
- b. God’s eyes and ears are attentive to the Righteous
Ps 34:15
- c. God Promises to answer prayer Matt 7:7-8

VII. Believing in Jesus and Loving One Another v.23

- a. The work of God is for us to believe in Jesus John
6:29
- b. The will of God is for us to believe in Jesus John
6:40
- c. Loving others is the 2nd Greatest Commandment
Matt 22:38-39

VIII. Those Who Keep His Commandments v.24a

- a. If we love God we will obey His commands John
14:23

IX. How We Know He Abides In Us v.24b

- a. We received the Spirit of Sonship Rom 8:14-15