

Assured by Our Savior

1 John 3:19-23
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The Immediate Context

1 John 3:18
Little children, let us not love with word or with
tongue, but in deed and truth.

The Fruit of Faith Cultivates Assurance

1 John 3:19
We will know by this that we are of the truth,
and will assure our heart before Him

God is Greater

1 John 3:20

in whatever our heart condemns us; for God is greater than our heart and knows all things.

Who Can Be Against Us?

Romans 8:31

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies.

Confidence Before God

1 John 3:21-22

Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight.

The Basis of our Assurance

Hebrews 6:17-20

In the same way God, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose, interposed with an oath, so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil, where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

His Commandments: Faith and Love

1 John 3:23

This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us.

The Work of God: Believe in His Son

John 6:27-29

Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal." Therefore they said to Him, "What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent."

#1 Be Diligent to Make Your Calling and Election Sure

1 Peter 1:10

Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble.

#2 Remain in the “Obedience of Faith”

Romans 1:5-6 . . . through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the *obedience of faith* among all the Gentiles for His name's sake, among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ.

Romans 16:25-26 Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past, but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, leading to *obedience of faith*.

#3 Avail Yourselves of the Means of Grace to Avoid Forgetting His Grace

2 Peter 1:8-9

For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins.
