

# Blessed Assurance

## Part 4: Double Sure of Your Right Standing

**1 John 5:11-15** \ 11 And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; 12 he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life ... 14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him."

**God wants us to walk in blessed assurance**

**The written Word of God is where our assurance starts.**

**2 Corinthians 5:21** \ For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

**Because of Jesus, we are the righteousness of God.**

**Romans 7:16-18** \ 16 If, then, I do what I will not to do, ...17 it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. 18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells;

**We need to remind ourselves that we may be imperfect on the outside but that we are still children of God that have been cleansed from all unrighteousness on the inside!**

**Hebrews 10:19-23** \ 19 Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ...21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience ... 23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

**This verse tells us that because of what Jesus did, and because He's before God pleading the case of our innocence, we can live free from that fear and guilty conscience.**

God wants to free you from feelings of guilt and condemnation that are robbing you a confident, faith-filled relationship with Him.

He wants you running to Him when you sin, no matter how many times you do it.

**But that freedom from condemnation doesn't mean we should not continue to work out our salvation and strive to overcome our un-Christ-like areas.**

**Hebrew 10:24-25** ¶ 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

**Because of who we are on the inside, THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD, we should allow it to spur us to live right and living in harmony with each other.**

**Hebrews 10:26-27** ¶ 26 If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, 27 but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.

**If we hold on to those willful areas of sin and never repent of them, those areas will be judged!**

**The result of habitual sinful living hurts us and others.**

Habitual sinfulness will not produce a life of drawing people closer to God and building His kingdom.

**1 Corinthians 3:12-15** ¶ 12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. 14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

The things we've done that are unresolved will be laid bare before God and will be judged but we will still be saved!

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**Hebrews 10:28-31** ¶ 28 Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 How much more severely do you think someone deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified them, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know him who said, “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” and again, “The Lord will judge his people.” 31 It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

**If we live honestly about our sins before God, we can live free from condemnation, and live free from the fear of losing our salvation!**

**1 John 1:9-2:1** ¶ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**We can live knowing that we are cleansed from ALL unrighteousness!**

The key is bringing your life honestly before God, even those areas that are unresolved.

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**The key is living life before God, with faith in what Christ did for us, instead of what we've done to ourselves.**

**Romans 8:1-2** ¶ 1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

**We've been cleansed from our unrighteousness, even the areas that are our current struggle, and there is therefore now no condemnation for us!**

**2 Corinthians 5:21** \ For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

**You are not an outcast! You are righteous!**

**John 8:34-36** \ Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

**The judge, Jesus Himself, has declared you to be righteous therefore you are free!**