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“Assurance”

I John 5:13-15

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I. Introduction

A. Review

1. Faith alone in Christ is what makes us Children of God
2. We prove our love for God by loving one another
3. We prove our love for one another by our love for God
4. We prove our love for God by heeding His Word and He in turn gives us victory
5. We don't trust in something obscure or uncertain:
 - a) We have God's Witness of Jesus Christ
 - b) We have witness in heaven and in earth
 - c) We have the witness of the Father, the Word, the Holy Ghost
 - d) We have the witness of water, blood, and Spirit
 - e) The witness of God which is far greater than that of man
6. If we believe, we contain this witness within ourselves
7. God's given us a record
8. If we believe, we have life; If we don't believe, we have not life

B. Rest assured

1. Why has John written?
2. What are some things he has seen and learned?
3. What assurances can we have in our faith and even after that?
4. We will answer these questions and more as we look to the next few verses
5. We see the idea here of “Assurance”

II. Assurance of _____ Eternal (v. 13)

A. The Writing

1. We have an audience in this verse

- a) A specific group in mind that was to be the target of John's writing
- b) "You that _____ on the name of the Son of God"
- c) True believers; true children of the light
- d) John 1:12.
- e) He's writing to me, and to you if you've accepted the free gift of eternal life
- f) His name of course as we've seen brings life — Acts 4:12.
- g) John is writing; However, _____ is speaking directly to His people
- h) 2 Peter 1:21.
- i) This is God's Word to His people

2. We've seen several reasons so far for why John felt Spirit-led to write this epistle

- a) 1 John 1:4.
- b) 1 John 2:26.

3. We even see why the Gospel of John was recorded — John 20:31.

B. The Reassurance

1. To _____

- a) This is a theme here in these last few sets of verses
- b) Repeated 7x in these last 9 verses

2. To the believer, the purpose is to assure us that we do in fact have eternal life

- a) That it's real
- b) We don't have to guess
- c) We don't have to wonder

3. He writes to _____ we who have believed that it was not in vain

4. He writes to encourage those who have not yet believed to do so
5. John knew firsthand
 - a) It was the journey of a lifetime and for eternity
 - b) He was there for the entire thing — 1 John 1:1-2
 - c) One point of interest to me is what Jesus told the Jews who had come to question Him — John 5:39.
 - d) Well, we can see the conclusion that John came to
 - e) We don't have time to look at the life of John that we have recorded
 - f) You have to conclude that he came to the sobering realization of Who Christ was and is
 - g) More than a realization, he came to _____
 - h) He wrote under the Spirit's inspiration that we might believe as well

III. Assurance of a Listening _____ (vv. 14-15)

A. _____

1. We switch to a different word
2. We who are in Him can have a certain confidence
3. All of us have needs
4. Being in God's family has certain privileges as well as _____
5. Praise God, we can come to Him for anything!
 - a) Hebrews 4:16.
 - b) Matthew 7:7-8
6. Here we see though the way in which we are to ask: According to _____ will
7. Our confidence, or faith, in Him will result in faith when we make requests
8. Now we are not promised the answer we desire
9. We are though promised that He will hear us
 - a) Psalms 3:4.

b) Psalms 34:4.

c) Psalms 40:1.

10. Christ again provided the example — Luke 22:41-42

11. At it's heart, that is what prayer is: _____

B. Communion (v. 15)

1. What is our motive? Do we pray just to get what we want?

2. James 4:3.

3. Or rather, do we pray for the sake of praying; the sake of spending time with our loving Heavenly Father?

4. If we pray to share sweet fellowship with God; If we pray for the communion with our Saviour

5. Then we have what we desire every single time we lift up our voice to Him

6. Just by knowing that if we call, He will hear and He will

7. Jeremiah 33:3.

8. Just knowing that He hears us should be enough for the child of God

9. This part of the Christian's walk is so very vital

a) Communion and Communication

b) Communion to meet our deepest spiritual needs

c) To find strength and grace

d) Communication to seek His instruction and direction for the life He's given to us