

Fully Assured and at Rest in His Presence

Series – A Study of I John

– I John 3:19-24 –

1. The Condemning Heart (vss. 19-20)

* *The basis for assurance*

2. The Confident Heart (vss. 21-24)

* *The blessings of assurance*

Application Questions. . .

1. What part of the text or message had the greatest impact on you? Where were you most encouraged, intrigued, or challenged?
2. Finish the following statement: "*I know I am a Christian because. . .*"
3. Re-read vss. 19-20. Should we feel restricted or protected? Free or oppressed? How does God knowing everything reassure our hearts?
4. Although the words *peace, freedom, and joy* are not found in verses 21-24, how could we experience them more fully by obeying the guidelines and commands mentioned?
5. Is there a prayer request that you have been praying for a long time? Do you ever get discouraged? What motivates you to persevere in prayer?
6. Why do you think the two commands in vs 23 are so near to God's heart? Do you find them to be burdensome or freeing (see also 5:3)?
7. Be practical. How could you be more intentional about practicing Jesus-like love: In your family? With a friend? At church? In politics? In social issues? A difficult person? Someone in need?

