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Part 5 - Blessed Assurance

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What does it mean to be secure but not sure, “sure” but not secure, or secure and sure?

As you prepare to read God’s Word, why is it important to believe what God *says* about you rather than what you *feel* about yourself?

Pastor Ted has often highlighted the difference between all humans being created in the image of God, image bearers, versus being children of God. **Read 1 John 5:1.** What allows a person to be identified as a “child of God”?

Is our love of God and those around us based on obedience or feelings?

Read 1 John 5:2-3. It is significant that loving God precedes carrying out His commands. God’s commands lift burdens and bring joy and freedom to the believer. As your relationship with Jesus Christ continues to mature, how are you coming to better understand this truth?

In 1 John 5:3 we learned that God’s commands are not burdensome. Does that mean the following His commands is easy? **Read Ephesians 4:31-32.**

Have you experienced the truth of Lewis Smedes’s observation, “To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you”?

Read 1 John 5:4-5. Again, how do we know we have eternal life? How many others have eternal life?

Read 1 John 5:6-10. John makes a very strong statement about why we should believe in Jesus Christ. What does he say about those who choose not to believe in Him?

Discuss, “It is not the strength of your faith but the object of your faith that actually saves you. Strong faith in a weak branch is fatally inferior to weak faith in a strong branch.” — Timothy Keller, *The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism*

Read 1 John 5:11-12, Romans 6:23, and Ephesians 2:8-9. Each passage again drives home the fact that eternal life is a gift. Do we have any doubt that works should be in response to God’s love, not a precondition for it?

To ensure there is no doubt, **read 1 John 5:13** as you close out your time.