

Living Confidently (Can anyone be sure?)

1 John 3:1-3

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Do you know for certain, if you were to die tonight, you would go to heaven?

Responses _____

He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. —1 John 5:12-13

1. The **Father's** Love.

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us. —1 John 3:1a

Verses to look up:

Song of Solomon 2:4 _____

John 1:12 _____

Luke 15 _____

Matthew 3:17 _____

Matthew 17:5 _____

Roman 8:17 _____

2. **Children** of God

We should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. —1 John 3:1b

- We know him and experience God. (1 John 2:13-14)
- We hear and know God's voice. (John 10:3-4)
- We call God the Father, "Daddy." (Romans 8:15-17)

3. **Present** Confidence

A. Inward Assurance—Holy Spirit.

“Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God... And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.”
—1 John 3:21, 24

B. Confidence in Answered prayers.

And receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him.
—1 John 3:22b

C. Confidence in the Future

Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.
—1 John 3:2-3

Can anyone be sure?

Are you sure of your salvation?

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Have you trusted Christ?
Have you asked for His forgiveness?
Have you invited Jesus into your life?

If you have, ask for His Assurance.

John Wesley, May 24, 1738, (Aldersgate Street, London, England)

I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death.

Next Week, Victorious Living.