

The Gospel According to John

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1. Last week I taught in part Joh 10:22-30 by way of an analysis of the *Doctrine of the Feast of Dedication*, Jesus's deity declarations, the 23rd Psalm and the *Doctrine of the At Salvation Gifts Our Blessed Assurance*.
2. Before we continue, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may or may not be necessary.
3. If you want to hear an audio presentation of this lesson please go to *westbankbiblechurch.com* and click on streaming audio of services.
4. Now let's continue our study of Joh 10:22-30.

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Joh 10:22 Then came the Feast of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter.

Joh 10:23 and Jesus was in the temple area walking in Solomon's Colonnade.

Joh 10:24 The Jews gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."

Joh 10:25 Jesus answered, "**I did tell you, but you do not believe.** The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me,

Joh 10:26 but you do not believe because you are not my sheep.

Joh 10:27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

Joh 10:28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.

Joh 10:29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.

Joh 10:30 I and the Father are one."

5. I want to review some of that learned from the *Doctrine of Blessed Assurance* and then we will begin new material at point 2.11 on page three.

At Salvation Gifts Our Blessed Assurance

1. At salvation God gives us many things. In my study-book entitled *At Salvation Gifts*, I listed 44 things God gives to the believer at point of regeneration.
2. Let's see what God gives us at the moment of our salvation?

2.1 As objects of God's love we received everlasting life

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

2.2 Indwelling of the Father

Joh 17:21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

Joh 17:22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

Joh 17:23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

2.3 Indwelling of Christ

2Co 13:5 Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you--unless, of course, you fail the test?

2.4 Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

1Co 6:19 What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

2.5 Filling of the Holy Spirit

Eph 5:18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

2.6 Spiritual Rebirth

Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water (*a reference to physical birth—amniotic fluid*) and of the Spirit (*spiritual rebirth*), he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

2.7 Human Spirit

Joh 3:6 "Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit."

2.8 System of Spiritual Dynamics

1Co 2:9 However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"...

1Co 2:12 We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.

2.9 Calling of God

1Th 5:24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

2.10 Election of God

1Th 1:4 Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.

2.11 Ministry of Reconciliation

2Co 5:18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

2.12 Redemption

Col 1:14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

2.13 Propitiation

Rom 3:25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance (*restraint*) of God;

2.14 Atonement

1Jo 2:2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

2.15 Walk with God

Eph 2:10 For we are His product, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which such production God hath before ordained that we should be so structured with the potential to walk in them.

2.16 Emancipation from the Mosaic Law

Gal 2:21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

2.17 Renovated Soul

2Co 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

2.18 Adoption

Rom 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

2.19 Positional Sanctification

Heb 10:14 For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified.

2.20 Potential for Temporal Sanctification

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

2.21 Justification

Rom 5:16 And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offenses unto justification.

2.22 Released from the Control of the Powers of Darkness

Col 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

2.23 Translated into God's Kingdom of Light

Col 1:13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,

2.24 The Solid Rock as our Foundation

Psa 18:2 The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Psa 18:3 I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.

2.25 We Become a Gift from the Father to Jesus the Christ

Joh 17:6 "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word ...

2.26 Circumcised in Christ

Col 2:11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:

2.27 Recipients of a Holy and Royal Priesthood

1Pe 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

2.28 We Become a Peculiar People

Tit 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

2.29 Direct Access to God

Luk 11:2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

2.30 We Are the Objects of God's Power

Eph 1:19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

2.31 Objects of His Faithfulness

1Co 1:9 God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

2.32 Objects of His peace

Phi 4:9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

2.33 Consolation and Encouragement

2Th 2:16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation to be in a state of comfort and solace, encouragement and good hope through grace.

2.34 We Are Made the Objects of His Intercession

Heb 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

2.35 Eternal Inheritance Secured by the Integrity and Power of God

1Pe 1:4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

1Pe 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

2.36 Heavenly Association

Eph 2:6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

2.37 Ambassadorship

2Co 5:20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

2.38 Made God's Ministers

2Co 6:4 But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

2.39 A Sealing

2Co 1:22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

2.40 Glorification

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

2.41 Completeness in Christ

Col 2:10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power.

2.42 Every Spiritual Blessing

Eph 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

2.43 Spiritual Gift

1Co 12:5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.

1Co 12:6 There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.

1Co 12:7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

2.44 Pastor-Teachers

Heb 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

3. This should remind you of your VIP status. When you awake in the morning think about the many power packed gifts God has given you.

4. These at salvation gifts should provide great assurance of salvation just as should the *Doctrine of Eternal Security*. Let's review the **Doctrine of Eternal Security**.

Logical Approach

If God saved us while we were yet sinners what does logic demand now that we are Family of God.

Rom 5:6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

Rom 5:7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

Rom 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Rom 8:32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Metamorphic Approach

God is said to hold us in His hand. Can anyone presume capability, fatuous as it may seem, to wrest the believer from the hand of God?

Joh 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

Experiential Approach

The Word of God tells us that if you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and then decide not to believe, it can't change anything. You are His for He bought you on the Cross.

2Ti 2:13 If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

Family of God Approach

If you are born into a family you have the genes of two parents and you cannot undo your genetic relationship.

Gal 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

Joh 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Inheritance Approach

God has guaranteed our inheritance.

1Pe 1:4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

1Pe 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Body Approach

We are said to be members of the Body of Christ with Christ as the Head.

Col 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

Now compare Col 1:18 with 1Co 12:21-22

1Co 12:21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

1Co 12:22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:

Sealing Approach

The Holy Spirit of God is said to seal us.

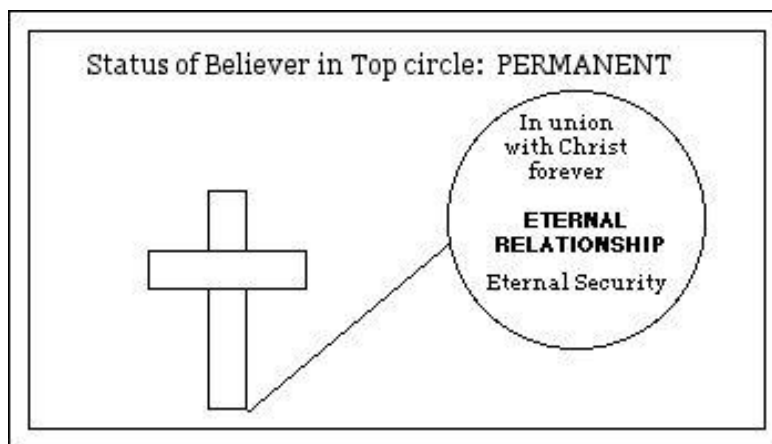
2Co 1:21 Now he which establisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;

2Co 1:22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

The Tense-Voice Approach

The word **SOZO** in Eph 2:8 means to be saved from eternal damnation. The verb is in the perfect tense in the meaning "saved in the past with the result you are now saved." The verb is also in the passive voice meaning the subject receives the action of the verb as a benefactor.

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:



5. Now for a discussion of 1Jo 3:4-10. These passages have upset many believers because they assume, they contradict the *Doctrine of Eternal Security*. There are even those who contend that 1Jo 3:4-10 teach true believers do not sin. Keep in mind 1Jo 3:4-10 are written by the same man who wrote 1Jo 1:8-10.

6. That we are all sinners is made clear in 1Jo 1:8 and 1Jo 1:10.

1Jo 1:8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us ...

1Jo 1:10 If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

7. Let's analyze 1Jo 3:4-10.

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1Jo 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

1Jo 3:5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in **Him** is no sin.

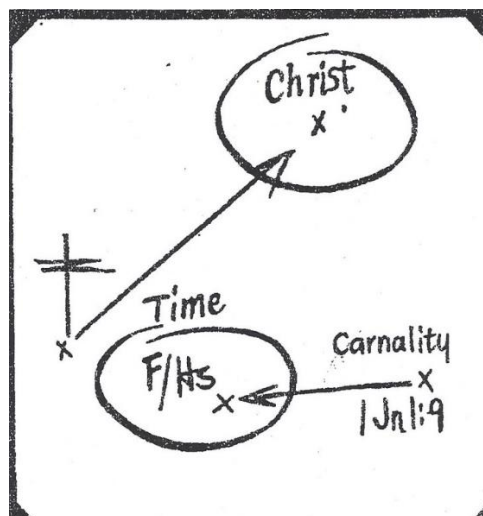
1Jo 3:6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.

1Jo 3:7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous.

1Jo 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

1Jo 3:9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for **His seed-Christ** remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

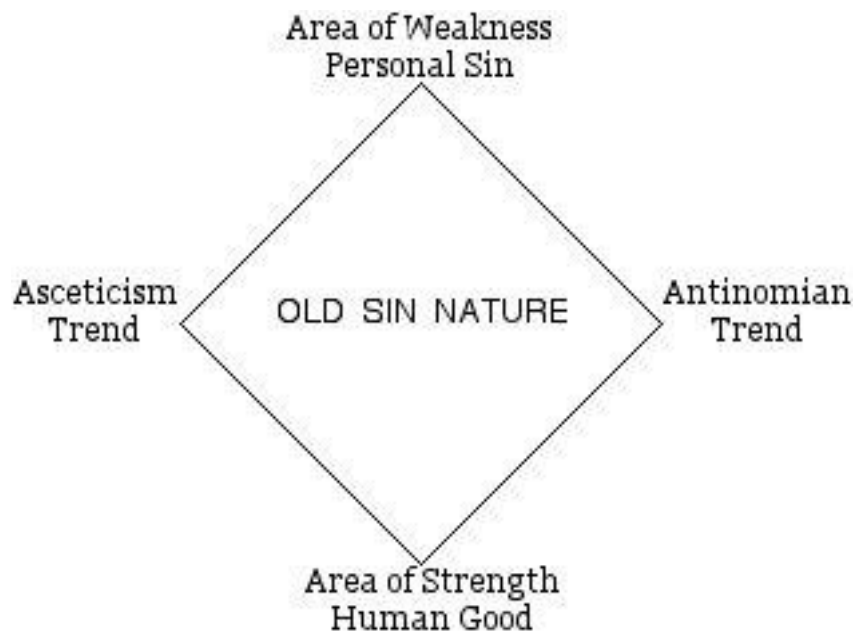
1Jo 3:10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.



8. Lewis Sperry Chafer has written with reference to the 1st John passages.

“There is no basis in these passages for the doctrine of sinless perfection on the part of Christians – there are no such Christians. It will be remembered that John has warned here against such a bizarre conclusion in 1Jo 1:8, 10. (see page nine)

“Nor does the Bible teach elsewhere, that Christians do not sin. It does teach, however, that the Christian retains his Adamic carnal nature until the day of his death.



“The Bible also teaches that the Christian, being indwelt by the Holy Spirit, is possessed with a new standard of what is good or bad. A believer’s conduct either grieves or does not grieve the Holy Spirit. Additionally, the **Christian is grieved** when he sins.

Psa 32:3 When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.

Psa 32:4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer.

Rom 7:24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

Rom 7:25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

“It is to be concluded therefore that the child of God cannot sin (anomia) lawlessly without great suffering and that suffering is due to the presence of the divine seed or nature in him. The assurance of salvation is born of confidence in Christ.”

9. Now let's develop further our study of 1st John chapter three and Lewis Sperry Chafer's analysis.

10. Even with the forty-four at salvation assurances and the eight approaches to Eternal Security, there are still those who question: "Has He cast me out?" To doubt salvation at this point is not modest or commendable: it is the sin of distrusting God. "Without faith it is impossible to please God."

Heb 11:6 It is impossible to please God unless by faith we believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

11. In fact, a believer should sound a rousing Amen to every word found in John chapter three. Such a person should look at 1Jo 3:4-10 as a divine standard for **spiritual self-examination**.

12. Who can look at the cross of Christ and not be convinced that God's love has been manifested toward us and that He Who paid such a price will not only save us from our sins, but will keep us safe and secure; why? Because every believer becomes family of God.

13. The Apostle John's writings become the title deed as to the certainty of the transaction. "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life."

1Jo 5:13 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.

1Jo 5:14 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

1Jo 5:15 And if we know that he hears us -- whatever we ask -- we know that we have what we asked of him.

14. Such wonderful knowledge, therefore, is to be gained through the things written. The written things are His exceeding great and precious promises.

2Pe 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

2Pe 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

15. These promises are of no value to the person or persons who refuse to accept them. Normal Christian experience and the joy and peace that results from believing can never even begin in the heart until God has been trusted and His saving grace believed.

16. There is abundant Scripture describing that which occurs in the transformed life of a believer. It is tragic that Christ should come into a human heart, rebuke and discipline him or her and there be no change in that life. The believer only has to open the door when the Lord knocks.

Rev 3:19 Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent.

Rev 3:20 Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

17. There should be in the life of the believer a new and vital relationship to God the Father, to fellow-Christians and to Christ Himself.

18. This is the view-point of the Apostle James when he contends so earnestly for works. It must be remembered, however, that James in his epistle is concerned with the appearance, professions of faith have on the outside world.

19. Men can judge only by the outward appearance, and works alone can justify the Christian profession in their sight. Christ however knows the heart of all men. He also knows what we need to move us to spiritual maturity.

Jam 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

20. The First Epistle of John is full of references to the outward evidence of the inward fact of the newly imparted divine life.

21. As earlier noted First John chapter three should be taken as an examination of the believer's post-salvation life.

22. Lewis Sperry Chafer in his *Systematic Theology* offers a powerful summary:

“We have two ways of looking at what at first appears to be two contradictory positions. Many passages as we have seen assert salvation is a product of faith alone in Christ alone and that subsequent actions are expected as the believer moves from a babe in Christ to a mature believer.”

Mat 11:25 At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto **babes**.

1Co 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto **babes** in Christ.

1Co 3:2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.

1Co 3:3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

1Pe 2:2 As newborn **babes**, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

1Pe 2:3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

Heb 5:12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

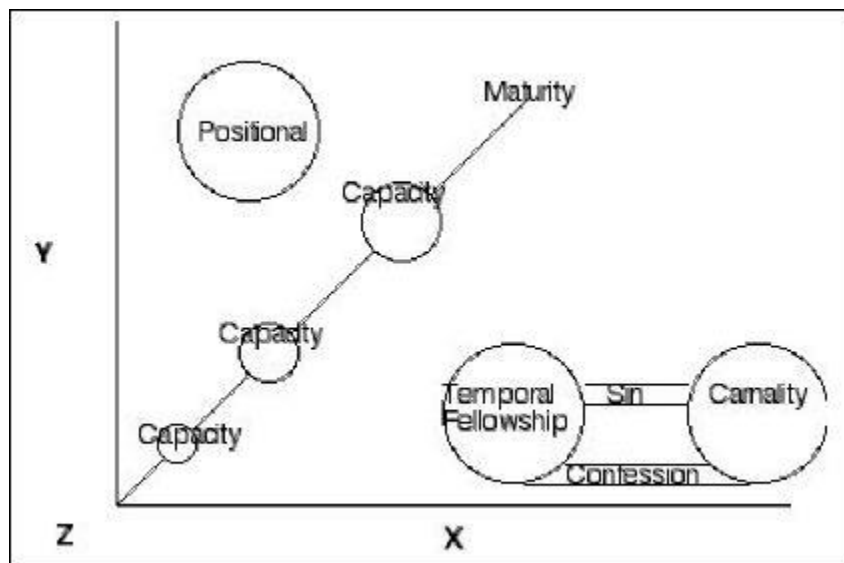
Heb 5:13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a **babe**.

Heb 5:14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

23. Dr. Chafer goes on to write: “You must believe the Bible as the Word of God where it asserts that Christians sin and you must carefully parse 1Jo 3:4-10 to discover its true meaning. It is not only 1st John where we find passages requiring critical parsing but all Scripture must be exegeted and analyzed categorically in the light of its dispensation.”

24. The Bible is replete with Scriptures that clearly tell us we are eternally secure because of God’s gracious gift of His only begotten Son and we positionally live in the top circle with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit where we cannot sin.

25. On the door of our positional home there is a sign “**Posted Sin and Evil Not Allowed.**”



“The First Epistle of John is full of references to the outward evidence of the inward fact of the newly imparted divine life.

This little book, standing near the end of the Bible, may be taken, in one sense, as an examination of the believer. ‘Hereby we know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.’ 1Jo 2:3

"In this the children of God are manifested, and the children of the devil: whoso doeth not righteousness is not of God (compare John 6:28, 29), neither he that loveth not his brother; We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren; Whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother; And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us"; He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love; And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world." Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. (compare 1Co 12:3)

1Co 12:3 Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

“Such a precious experience as is described by these passages may become clouded by sin or lost in the depression of some physical weakness, and were we depending upon the experience as primary evidence that we are saved, all grounds of assurance would be swept away.

“The primary evidence is clearly stated in the same Epistle as the final word of testing here given and the final grounds of confidence: If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath the life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not the life. These things (about having the life) have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." (1Jo 5:9-13)

“The possession of the indwelling Son of God is the abiding fact of the newly created life in Him, and should never be confused with some imperfect and changeable experience in the daily life. He is received by faith. His presence most naturally leads to blessed new realities in experience.

Certainly, experience never leads to the realities of the presence of the indwelling Son of God. The Biblical use of the word "assurance" will be found in several passages: "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith. (Heb 10:22)

“This is the confidence that grows out of a repose of faith in the faithfulness of God that He will fulfil every word He has spoken. ‘And unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding. (Col 2:2)’”

27. A believer’s confidence should grow as the believer increasingly enters into the vastness of God's revelation. We are limited in spiritual vision when we first believe.

28. To all believers I pray there will be a growing understanding and a corresponding increase of confidence and assurance as other promises are claimed. Remember, “Greater is He that is in you than He that is in the world.”

29. Now let’s see what we can learn from Joh 10:31-38.

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Joh 10:31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.

Joh 10:32 Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?

Joh 10:33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

Joh 10:34 Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?

Joh 10:35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;

Joh 10:36 Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?

Joh 10:37 If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not.

Joh 10:38 But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.

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Joh 10:30 I and the Father are one."

Joh 10:31 Again the Jews picked up stones to stone him,

Joh 10:32 but Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many great miracles from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?"

Joh 10:33 "We are not stoning you for any of these," replied the Jews, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God."

Joh 10:34 Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your Law, 'I have said you are gods'?"

Joh 10:35 If he called them 'gods,' to whom the word of God came -- and the Scripture cannot be broken --

Joh 10:36 what about the one whom the Father set apart as his very own and sent into the world? Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, 'I am God's Son'?"

Joh 10:37 Do not believe me unless I do what my Father does.

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