

Blessed Assurance  
1 John 3:19-24

- A. Signs God gives us that assure us we are his are written on our heart
1. Genuine love for our brothers and sisters in Christ **19**
  2. Obedience to the commands he laid down for us in Scripture **23, 24**
- B. The singular command from which all godly obedience springs **23**
1. All obedience pleasing to God begins with the command to believe
  2. This belief is not in a divine being, but in the God revealed in Jesus
- C. Offering *biblical* assurance helps avoid two problems in the church
1. It causes unbeliever confident they are saved to pause and think **19**
  2. It reassures believers that they have been made right with God
    - a. The fears that he will not accept them are put to rest **19**
    - b. They find peace to replace the doubt raised by their sin **20**
- D. One encouraging promise that comes with assurance from God **22**
1. The Lord gives us boldness when we come before him in prayer
  2. This invitation to be bold in prayer is for all God's obedient children
- E. Obedience and love are signs, but only God can give assurance
1. The basis of assurance is found in God, not in our heart or actions **20**
  2. We are confident of his love because he knows all about us **20**
  3. We know we are saved only because he gives us his Spirit **24**

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Welcome and Announcements

Meditation

John 14:21

Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him. [NIV]

*Something For Thee*

### Call to Worship

*Praise The Lord Who Reigns Above*  
Opening Prayer

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### Preparing Our Hearts

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine*  
Scripture Reading  
*When We Walk With The Lord*  
Presentation of Offerings

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*Near To The Heart Of God*

### Hearing The Word

*By Grace I Am An Heir Of Heaven*  
Message - 1 John 3:19-24

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### Responding To The Word

Hymn of Commitment  
*Wherever He Leads I'll Go*

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## ACTIVITIES

### *Sunday*

Sunday School	9:20 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:15 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.

### *Wednesday*

Bible Study (at parsonage)	7:15-8:15
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## ***PRAYER REQUESTS***

SOUTH ASIAN HINDU FESTIVALS - "In one South Asian city, the major idol that everyone worships is a god who has an elephant head and a human body. They finish their week long celebration of him by taking the statue they have bought for worship in their homes to a body of water and dropping it in so that the spirit of the god will be free to leave and, hopefully, come again next year. I went with some friends to an orphanage and had to sit through the worship time for the elephant god, and the song they sang to the statue had phrases like, 'You are the king of kings' and 'You are with us all the time.' Then they finished the worship time with a chant where all the children in the orphanage were encouraged to shout loudly that they wanted him to come again next year. As I looked at and prayed to Jesus for the 50 or so little girls who will blindly follow this god their whole lives unless the Lord intervenes, I felt hopeless about this place. Please pray for the people here to see the darkness for what it is because Jesus shines his truth into their hearts!"

## ***OUR INVITATION***

***Our purpose as a church is to glorify God by proclaiming his good news to those who do not know him and by building up the body of Christ through sound teaching and mutual encouragement. We urge you to accept Christ as your Savior and invite you to become a part of this work as a member of this fellowship. If you are interested in joining our church we invite you to speak to the pastor after services about what is involved.***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We return to our consideration of Job tonight with, "Job Questioned About Animals," Job 38:39-39:30. The Lord continues his questioning of Job in respect to the animal world. Who is it that provides food for them. What is their life cycle? Who gives the wild donkey the freedom to wander? Can you tame the wild ox? Did you give the horse its strength? How did you design the hawk and eagle to fly?

We continue in our study of evangelism on Wednesday nights as we focused this past week on barriers to belief for the unsaved. The unsaved man does not like to hear that he is a sinner who needs to be saved. We tell him that man is neither evolving into greater goodness nor even essentially good. He is spiritually dead, Satan is his ruler and thus he is only able to satisfy the cravings of his sinful nature. Where does this leave the lost? It leaves them objects of wrath and headed for hell. People today reject this biblical view of man. They believe man is essentially good but just does bad things sometimes. They also have a false view of God is that he is just a harmless do-gooder and not a consuming fire.

Please be sure to join us for our meal together after morning services. As always it is great food but also a special time for us to fellowship.

***The man who has a clear conscience, has confidence toward God in this way. He knows that he is the Lord's and that God loves him. He knows that God will not do him any hurt and knows that God is blessing him—and will continue to bless him. He knows that God is his Father and his friend and he, therefore, goes to God in great confidence about his troubles and tells them all to Him. He has much confidence in prayer and he may talk to God in prayer in a way which other people may think too familiar, yet it will not be so. His heart is right with God and, therefore, he has confidence toward God. He does not doubt God's faithfulness, or God's truth, or God's power, or God's veracity. He simply confides in God and lets things go as they will, for he knows that God is ruling and overruling all—and he walks through the world with a childlike, restful confidence—knowing that God will keep him and preserve him even to the end. And when he has to die, he will die in confidence. And when he rises from the grave, he will rise in confidence. And when the world is all ablaze, he will behold the last great conflagration without alarm. And when he stands before the judgment seat of Christ, he will stand there without a tremor! He has confidence toward God, for he has peace within him.***

Charles Spurgeon