

*“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.”
2 Peter 3:18*

Sermon Notes

Title: “Assurances of Life” by Rev. John Downs

Text: 1 John 5:13-21

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 25:1-10

†PRAYER OF INVOCATION

†WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

How Firm A Foundation

Psalm 115

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord, no day of our life has passed that has not proved us guilty in Your sight. Prayers have been uttered from a prayerless heart; praise has been often praiseless sound; our best services are filthy rags. Blessed Jesus, let us find a refuge in Your appeasing wounds. Though our sins rise to heaven Your merits soar above them; though unrighteousness weighs us down to hell, Your righteousness exalts us to Your throne. All things in us call for our rejection, all things in You plead our acceptance. We appeal from the throne of perfect justice to Your throne of boundless grace, grant us to hear Your assuring voice; that by Your stripes we are healed, that You were bruised for our iniquities, that You have been made sin for us that we might be righteous in You, that our grievous sins, our manifold sins, are all forgiven, buried in the ocean of Your concealing blood. Keep us always clinging to Your cross, flood us every moment with descending grace. In Your merciful name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 5:8 “but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

†WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

Jesus, I Come

†CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism #88 and #98, Elder Brian Riedel

WORSHIPING GOD IN OUR GIVING

Rock Of Ages (When The Day Seems Long)

PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder Brian Riedel

WORSHIPING GOD IN THE PROCLAMATION OF HIS WORD

“Assurances of Life” 1 John 5:13-21 by Rev. John Downs

WORSHIPING GOD AROUND THE LORD’S TABLE IN THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

†SONG OF RESPONSE

Blessed Assurance

†BENEDICTION

†DOXOLOGY

+ Congregation standing, as you are able

John closes his first letter with four assurances of eternal life.

I. Apostolic witness

II. Communion in prayer

III. Communion of saints

IV. Union with the Living God

Application – “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves” (James 1:22).

Our responsibility, by God’s grace and power, is to consistently apply the truths of God’s Word that we have heard to our lives (Phil. 2:1-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on the sermon and this passage of Scripture, ask yourself these questions:

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there an example to follow?
- Is there a promise to claim?
- Is there a sin to avoid?
- Is there a principle to follow?