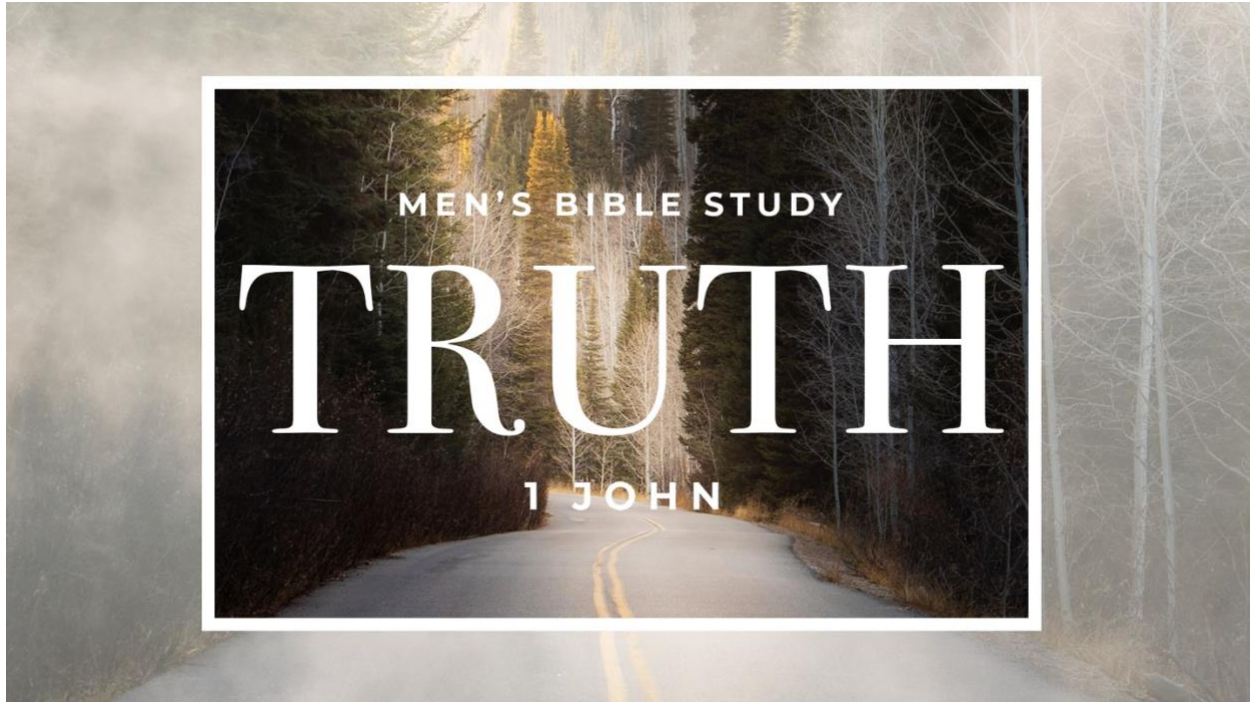


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SESSION EIGHT:

“ASSURANCE”

1 John 5:6-21

SESSION EIGHT TEACHING NOTES

Scripture Memory: 1 John 1:1-10 (NIV)

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched – this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. **2** The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. **3** We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. **4** We write this to make our joy complete. **5** This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. **6** If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. **7** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. **8** If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. **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.

This Week's Study Passage: 1 John 5:6-21

Q: Why Can We Have Confidence In Our Relationship With God?

A: Because The Gospel Is _____

1. God has confirmed gospel truth _____

- “The Water” = Jesus’ _____ (Matt. 3:17)

- **“The Blood” = Jesus’ _____ (1 John 4:10; Matt. 26:23)**

2. God continues to confirm gospel truth _____

- **The Spirit _____ the truth of the gospel in the Bible**

2 Peter 1:21

- **The Spirit enables us to _____ and embrace the truth of the gospel**

1 Corinthians 2:9-16

- **The Spirit _____ us of the truth of the gospel and makes it _____ to us in our daily lives**

Romans 8:16-17

1 John 5:12-13

Q: How Does This Confidence Affect The Way We Live?

A: In Three Distinct Ways...

- 1. Because the gospel is true, we can have confidence that God _____ us (1 John 5:12-17)**

Psalms 4:3

Psalms 18:6

Matthew 26:39

2. Because the gospel is true, we can have confidence that God has _____ us (1 John 5:18-19)

- **A transformed _____ produces a transformed _____**
- **We don't fight _____ victory, we fight _____ victory**

Philippians 1:6

3. Because the gospel is true, we can have confidence that we _____ God (1 John 5:20-21)

- **Eternal life is not just the _____ of our days but the _____ of our days**

John 17:3

Philippians 3:12

QUICK OVERVIEW

After talking of God's love and the love that should characterize God's people, John ends this letter by offering believers great assurance concerning their standing with God. Those who believe the testimony that God has given of His son can know that they possess eternal life. The book of 1 John closes by giving us some exhortations concerning sin, prayer, and avoiding idolatry.

DIGGING DEEPER

In 1 John 5:6-7, John mentions three different testimonies to the truth about Jesus Christ: the water, the blood, and the Spirit. Water is likely a reference to Christ's baptism, while blood reminds us of Christ's atoning death on the cross. The Spirit is a reference to the Holy Spirit, and He is the one who testifies to Christ's identity.

What role does Scripture play in the Spirit's testimony to Jesus Christ?

Why, according to 1 John 5:9-10, is rejecting Christ the equivalent of calling God a liar?

Some people claim that all religions essentially teach the same truths.

How does 1 John 5:11-12 speak to this error?

One of the main purposes of 1 John is stated in 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.”* It is comforting to know that God wants us to have assurance of our standing before Him.

How does this kind of assurance affect the way we live on a daily basis?

Knowing that we have eternal life should give us confidence in prayer (1 John 5:14-15).

Is John saying that God always gives us everything we pray for? Explain your answer.

According to John 15:7, what are the conditions for answered prayer?

John closes this letter with an exhortation to keep ourselves from idols (5:21). When we refuse to believe the Bible's teaching about Jesus, we inevitably come up with our own, distorted conception of who God is.

How can you make sure that you do not fall prey to false teachings about Jesus, and what role should your church play as you seek to persevere in believing the truth by the power of the Spirit?

REFLECT AND DISCUSS

- **Why is the assurance of eternal life so important in terms of the way we approach God and His commands?**
- **The book of 1 John has given us many evidences to look for in order to give us assurance of eternal life. Why are our emotions and feelings an unreliable gauge for our spiritual condition?**
- **How would you counsel someone who is struggling with assurance of salvation?**
- **God gives us the gift of other believers in the church. List some spiritual benefits of being in fellowship with other believers.**
- **How has the book of 1 John exposed some misconceptions you had about the Christian life? How has it strengthened your assurance?**

