

Assurance in the New Year

1 John 5:1-13

1. Love for the _____ . (vv. 1-3)

- To love the Father is to love the Father's _____.
- We love God by keeping His _____.

2. Victory over the _____ . (vv. 4-5)

- The world has been _____.
- We are _____ because of He who is in us.

3. Agreement with _____ . (vv. 6-10)

- Imagine a courtroom scene:

Witness #1 is the _____.

Witness #2 is the _____.

Witness #3 is God the _____.

- Have God and the other witnesses _____?

4. Assurance of _____ . (vv. 11-13)

- The ultimate _____ of God's testimony, and our spiritual state, is eternal life.
- When we are _____ He is real and we have eternal life, that confirms everything else and leads us to further obedience.

Calvary Connection Group

Discussion Questions for the week of Jan. 7, 2023

Getting to Know Me

- Did you “ring in the New Year” at midnight or something earlier? Why?

- What was your favorite Christmas gift that you gave this year? Why?

Into the Bible

- What one thing stood out to you in this week’s sermon as something important to understand and apply?

- We didn’t have time to go into this in the sermon, but John was writing 1 John to defend Christians from false teachers, mostly the Gnostics, who had confused many with their teaching of higher knowledge and inner circles of faith. So John was writing to assure Christians that there was no inner circle and no higher knowledge. He gives 3 simple tests to know if you are truly saved. They are summarized in vv. 1-3. What are they?

- According to vv. 4-5, who overcomes the world? How do we overcome the world, by trying harder or having faith? What does that mean in real life?

- Compare 1 John 5:13 with John 20:30-31. What was John trying to do with these two major books of the New Testament?

Application

- Has there ever been a time when you wondered if you were truly saved? How did you deal with these doubts?

- How might this passage change the way you look at communion from now on?