The Book of 1st John Speaks to Christian Men about Assurance of Salvation

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Introduction:

Joh 10:28-30 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand. 30 I and *my* Father are one.

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Author: John the Apostle Timing: 90-95AD Audience: The believers at the Church

The book of 1st John was written by John the Apostle (a.k.a., The Disciple that Jesus Loved) as he was in an evangelical battle to keep the Gospel pure. To keep Jesus center stage as the "Son of God" the "Christ" the true "Anointed One," the Salvation of Man, he gives a direct and unambiguous picture of the saved believer's relationship to Christ. John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

The underlying theme of the book is the proper mind set of believer toward Salvation. That is sound attention to the basics of faith, obedience, and love lead to happiness, holiness, and assurance.

Chapter One

1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

1. What was "heard… seen with our eyes… looked upon…. hands have handled?" John 1:1, 1:14, Acts [redacted], 8:58, Rev 1:11.

1:3 John saw Christ / God

John was an eye witness

1:2 (For the life was manifested [made clear, apparent, obvious, evident..] , and we have seen *it*, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

2. What in the world is John/God talking about? Refer to vs. John 19:35, 21:24, Rev 1:2
   How was eternal life manifested unto us? Crusifiction

Truth - Resurrection of Christ

direct witnesses - disciples

believed at Ephesis

you/me

1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.
1:4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

3. Who is "we," "us," and "our?" What kind of writing is this called? Describe how the first four verses imply we are going to hear about our Assurance of Salvation.

Testimony - Record of eye witness

V2 - eternal life ... manifest unto us V3 fellowship with... V4 full joy

1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is **light** [emblem of purity, truth, knowledge, prosperity, and happiness], and in him is no darkness at all.
1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:
1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

- Truth
- Holy
- Reliable
- light exposes good vs evil.

4. What is the "light" and how is God the "light?" See verses John 8:12, 9:5, Rev 22:5.

1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
1:9 If we confess our sins, he is **faithful** and **just** to **forgive us** *our* **sins**, and to cleanse us from **all unrighteousness.**
1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his **word** is not in us.

5. What "truth" is in us? What "word" is in us? How are you feeling about your Assurance of Salvation right about now? Prov 28:13 Confess and we shall have mercy

- we sin
- foreknowledge of sin.

God/Holy spirit is in us. Word of God. Relationship with God

Summary:

This first chapter to the book of 1st John jumps right in and in ten verses tells us, flat out, that Jesus is in ALL believers and ALL believers are sinners. And if we think we do not sin, then we are not truly a believer and not truly Saved. Now that is cool! And how do you feel about your Salvation already.

So, we can continue with this Book knowing exactly where we stand in the eyes of God. The rest my friend is icing on the cake.

Thank you for attending,

Pat Turner