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

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Introduction:

John 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.

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

The book of 1st John was written by John the Apostle because he was in an evangelical battle to keep pure the teachings of the Gospel. To keep Jesus center stage as the "Son of God" the "Christ" the true "Anointed One," and the Salvation of Man. John gives a direct and unambiguous picture of the saved believer's relationship with Jesus 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." John is fighting the intellectuals in Ephesis as they are trying to challenge the deity of Jesus.

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

Chapter Five

5:1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.
5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

1. Who begat and who is begotten? Relate vs 2 to the greatest commandment in Mat 22:36-40. So how do we show our love for God? Mic 6:8 John 13:35, Psa 119:140

① God the father ② Jesus Christ the son of God ③ Love God with all your heart, soul, mind & love they brother as thy self.

5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.
5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even* our faith.
5:5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

2. Discuss "commandments are not grievous." Who is born of God in vs 4? How does believing in Christ help us overcome the world? Heb 8:10 John 16:33

① "heavy" - not a burden - not unreasonable - within our ability - easy to obey / God when our heart is right

② Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit? Faith strengthened by the H.S.

Mic 6:8 what doth the Lord require - do justly, love mercy & walk humbly

Psa 119:140 thy word is pure: thy servant love it.

Heb 8:10 I will put my laws in their heart, I will be their God...

only non-believers complain

John 16:33 I have told you so you will have peace, in the world you will have tribulation but be of good cheer for I have overcome the world

Lev 17:11 flesh/ life is in the blood I give it to you upon the altar for the atonement of sins for your souls.

Mat 26:28 For my blood of the new testament which is shed for many for the remission of sins

5:6 This is he that came by water and blood, *even* Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.
5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.
5:8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

3. How did Christ come from water and blood? Lev 17:11, Mat 26:28 Compare the Father, Word, and Holy Ghost versus the spirit, water, and blood? How are they one?

① Born of the womb & by being crucified & raising from the dead
② very controversial verse. the HS is comon to both water & blood testify to the birth of Christ in both times as does the ~~father~~ & the word

5:9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.
5:10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.
5:11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

John 3:16

4. What is the witness of God? John 5:31-36. This passage tells us the most important component of our faith; what is it and why? Gal 2:20, John 3:36.

① That He sent His Son to save the world
② To believe Christ is our Saviour (Gospel D,B,R)

John 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath life, and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ, He lives in me.

Salvation is a gift!

5:12 He that hath the Son hath life: *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.
5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

5. John is making it abundantly clear what is salvation. There is no question! Praise God! Now ask, "Am I Saved?" The answer should be clear. 1 Cor 1:30, John 20:31.

① God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption
② believe that Jesus is the Son of God and believing ye might have life through His name

Mat 7:7-11 Ask, seek, knock Son ask bread stone Fish give serpent Father give good things

5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:
5:15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

If ye abide in me, ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you

6. Contrast, just asking God, versus asking God according to his will. John 15:7, James 4:3 What does it take to have God hear our petitions? James 5:16, Mat 7:7-11

① We must live like Christ. Press toward a mark,
② Pray first for his will to be done

Ye ask and receive not, because ye ask amiss that ye may consume it upon your lusts

Jam 5:16 ... The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Blasphemy the Holy Spirit

Those that fall away crucify the Son of God afresh

> 5:16 If any man see his brother sin a sin *which is* not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.
> 5:17 All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.

7. (1) What is the "sin onto death?" Mat 12:31, 32 Heb 6:4-6. How did Ananias & Sapphira commit this sin? Acts 5:1-11 (2) What is a believer's seared conscience? 1 Tim 4:1,2

(1) Believer turns away from God & God takes them to heaven

(2)

> 5:18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.
> 5:19 *And* we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

2 COR 4:4 Satan blinds non-believers to the Gospel.

8. (1) Who is verse 18 talking about? James 1:18, 1 Pet 1:23. (2) What is the point of verse 19? Gal 1:4, James 4:4, 2 Cor 4:4,

we are firstfruits

Born of incorruptable seed which liveth & abideth forever

(1) Jesus

(2) Christ sacrificed himself to deliver us from the world

> 5:20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, *even* in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.
> 5:21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

Mat 13:11 understanding is for His disciples + believers

9. (1) The "understanding" we are given is of Salvation, and the path to Salvation, and the assurance of salvation? Mat 13:11 (2) What are we expected to do after we are Saved… a one word answer? 1Pet 1:2, 2 Th 2:13 (3) What does it mean and how does it flow from our Assurance of Salvation?

Sanctification - being chasened by and obeying the H.S.

The more confidence we have the easier it is to walk the path of righteousness,

Summary:

Thank you for joining me in the study of the fifth and last chapter to the book of 1st John. John the apostle's first century battle for the purity of the Gospel of Christ defines for us how to know, we know, we are saved. We end our study where we started, learning of the proper mind set toward Salvation. That is, sound attention to the basics of Christianity; faith, obedience, and love. These lead to happiness, holiness, and assurance. God bless you.

Thank you for attending,

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