



Outline – Sunday School April 15, 2018

Sermon Title: Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine IF..., “The Evidences of Sanctification”

Text: 1 John 2:3-6

The Test of true Light in us... v3-4

1. The *confident* **proof** of an *intimate* saving knowledge of Christ is marked by present obedience (of faith).
 - a. The *Meaning*: “And this is how we **presently know** that we have at some point in the past came to know (entered into intimate, saving, covenantal fellowship with) Him...” John 17:3
 - b. The *mark*: Covenant obedience to Jesus’ Commands, which is of faith, by His grace.
John 15:11-14, 17/1 John 3:23; 4:21/Matt 7:21
 - c. The *Manifestation*: of one’s conversion. Jer 31:31-34
 - d. The *misrepresentation*: Lawless Liars who claim to know him. v4/1 John 1:6/Luke 6:46

The Test of God’s Love perfected in us... v5

2. The *comforting* **promise** of the *inward* perfected love of God are for those committed to His Word.
 - a. The careful *attendance* to and *affection* of the Word of God. Ps 119:9-16, 41-48
 - b. The *aim* of God’s love *accomplished* in us: we, out of love for Him desire and delight in keeping His commandments. John 14:15-17, 21-27/1 John 4:7-13

The Test of how one’s Life Should Look... v6

3. The *continual* **practice** of life that *identifies* with Christ- likeness evidence those who *abide in him*.
 - a. A true believe *perseveres* in Christ-likeness. Luke 9:23
 - b. A true believer *patterns* his life after Christ’s example of obedience. John 15:4, 7-10/
Luke 6:40/John 8:31-32, 36/Eph 5:1-2
 - c. God is the *presence* and *power* behind the persevering and conformity to Christ-likeness.
Phil 1:6; 2:12-13