

Eternal Assurance - "Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled", Part 2

In Part 1, the Spirit started us out with a focus on the Person of Jesus, and on His love and forgiveness.

That's a great way to start ANY message.

In this case, He used it for an introduction to the concept of Eternal Assurance.

On Sunday, I gave you this thought provoking quote from Bible scholar D.L. Moody...

... it reminds us of how simple and pure heaven will be, all because of Jesus and His work on our behalf:

D.L.Moody:

The light of heaven is the face of Jesus

The joy of heaven is the presence of Jesus

The melody of heaven is the name of Jesus

The harmony of heaven is the praise of Jesus

The theme of heaven is the work of Jesus

The employment of heaven is the service of Jesus

The duration of heaven is the eternity of Jesus

The fullness of heaven is Jesus Himself!

Life itself is really all about Jesus and His complete victory

through His Cross and Resurrection... and THAT'S why Life is Good!

He's the One, and the only One, who has made life good for us believers.

We also talked about how God, who IS Love, became manifest to us in the Person of Jesus Christ.

Love Manifest: God's Love came alive to us, as the God-Man reached across the chasm between us, to DO something about our problems of sin and death.

God's Love is what made eternal life possible for us, AND eternal assurance a reality for us.

And so, the Spirit had me dwelling upon this, and upon our church family as well.

Love Manifest: If God's love reached across the chasm to cover our sins and transgressions, shouldn't we do the same for one another?? 1Pe 4:8 - *Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since **love covers a multitude of sins.***

Love's first instinct is to COVER the sins and failures of others; that's the love of Christ...

Love Manifest: We're talking about resentment, and either living in it OR casting it behind our back and reaching out and purposefully loving the one who offended us.

**We must especially forgive our brothers and sisters in Christ.
Mt 18:21-35, Col 3:13**

Col 3:12-14 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

And this comes up related to our series because **it's this love of God** that not only saved us, but keeps us saved!

Eph 2:4-5 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved

His love gives us eternal assurance, and security, as well.

It's the faithfulness and stability of God's perfect love that keeps us saved! (as we will see)

The Spirit's point is, and has been:

Love Manifest: We need to abide in the sphere of God; which IS the sphere of love... the same sphere of God's love that saved us and keeps us saved!

Stay there, abide there, live there, each and every day...

... and if you do that, by faith, you watch how much more at peace you are...

Live in the power of God's love, and LOVE FIRST, and watch resentment and bitterness melt away...

... because you **choose** to abide in God's sphere of love; you choose to love others as Christ loved you and gave Himself up for you!

Eternal Assurance: Jesus purchased eternal life for us by His blood, and He has also given us eternal assurances of what's to come!

And to bring it full circle; **that's why life is good!**

That's why we can transcend, or rise above, the circumstances of life.

That's what our God and Savior says!

HE is why life Is Good! Eternal life is so far beyond, and so far better, than the transactions we look to in this life, it's not even worthy of comparison! Let's transcend our earthly circumstances!

Let's remember, eternal life not only refers to being "forever", but also refers to a certain QUALITY of life; the abundant life that Jesus also promised us.

Jn 10:10 *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.*

There's a reference to "eternal" life, which we can live in RIGHT NOW.

Living In Eternal Life: Let's choose to be grateful and abide in the sphere of God's love! It's that simple!

By faith, He will empower us to do so.

Therein lies the joy of God's life; eternal life.

That's the destiny of we believers; we are designed to live in this new life of God.

Another thought the Spirit asked us to dwell upon was something our dear Pastor Collins shared with us:

Some people know facts about God without being moved or motivated by them.

Let's choose to be moved by the truths we learn. This takes humility and submission.

Let's surrender our hearts in such a way to God! Otherwise, there exists the hard heart of the unbeliever.

We might say our humble quest as believers is summed up in

Eph 3:19

Eph 3:19 *and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

THAT is our quest and goal and desire, as believers... to know the love of Christ that goes BEYOND knowledge.

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We've often been led to examine our faith, making sure we're of the faith and not playing religion with God...

... which is a very good self-examination the Bible tells us to undergo.

But when you come out the other side, convinced by the Spirit within you that you ARE saved... that you ARE a believer in the Lord Jesus... by the grace of God...

... THEN you can and should claim all the wonderful promises and evidences about the assurance we have "in Christ".

And that includes all the evidences of eternal life that the Bible tells us true believers will possess.

Let's be reminded of what the Spirit used to kick off this mini-series:

KIDS' CORNER: Religion(2-1-20)

*So, how do the religions of the world differ from Christianity? Worldly religions teach people that salvation must be earned and kept by their good works. These good works, then, are motivated by fear of losing that salvation. The power source for their works is self, giving glory to self. This all resulting in **a life of insecurity** as people strive to remain "good enough". How awful!*

Worldly religions lead people into a life of hopelessness, because no one can be perfect.

KIDS' CORNER: Religion(2-1-20)

*As "today's verse" tells us, God promises Christians a life of peace as we trust in Him for all things. Thank you, God, for your love and grace as you offer us **eternal security** through the saving work of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior!*

It's THROUGH HIM, and ONLY through Him, we are granted all these grace gifts.

In other words, our salvation, and our security, is based fully upon HIS accomplishments, and we receive such blessings by grace through faith!

All of this was motivated by His great love.

Eternal Assurance "in Christ": Because salvation depends upon God and Christ and HIS love and HIS faithfulness, we believers can have assurance because His work and His power are PERFECT.

Assurance is something God wants we believers to experience every day.

And we're not only talking about the statements in the Bible about eternal security,... of which there are many...

... but we're also talking about the ability to walk around with assurance in our souls... the assurance of possessing eternal life in Christ.

And here was "today's verse":

KIDS' CORNER: Religion(2-1-20)

Jn 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. **Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.**

Ask yourself this question:

Why would Jesus Himself tell us believers not to be afraid if we actually had something to be afraid of??

"Today's verse" reminded me of something earlier in the same chapter: just gotta love this!

Jn 14:1-2 "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?"

We really need to ask ourselves if we are insecure, then why??

Why are we acting like doubting Thomas , when such clear statements like this are given us from the lips of our Lord?

I can tell you I struggle with this at times, but this is where we need to have faith in the promises of our Lord.

Besides these two wonderful scriptures in **John 14**, we used **Romans 8** as a platform, or springboard, for these lessons.

Ro 8 *There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.* (if you're a believer, you should take that to heart! let not your hearts be troubled!)

... vs. 7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. 8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

10 But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. 12 So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.

13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are

led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

It's only God's Word that gives we believers the assurance our Heavenly Father wants us to have "in Christ Jesus".

Ro 8:28 *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers! (just a thought; if God doesn't keep us saved, how is He going to have many brothers in heaven??!)*

30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than

*that, who was raised— who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. 35 **Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?** (Remember, the love that covers??)*

Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

*37 No, in all these things **we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.** 38 **For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.***

There we see some confidence-building questions for we believers.

Eternal Assurance: Do we forget that, by grace through faith, **we believers are co-victors with Jesus Christ, "more than conquerors through him who loved us"?** - Ro 8:37

This is another reason we NEED the Word of God daily,...

... to wash away the grimy ideas and doubts we pick up from life in the devil's world, or the devil's age, as the Bible calls it. (**Eph 2:2, 2Co 4:4**)

We NEED these wonderful reminders of His assurance **daily**, because of our 3 enemies constantly hen-pecking us.

This type of teaching from the pulpit, along with daily reading

your Bible, are **protection from the lies of insecurity.**

True believers are destined to have assurance in their hearts every day they are on earth.

Pastor Collins wrote another blog almost a year ago now...

... it was an excellent summary **of our assurance in Christ.**

Blog from 3/1/19: Assurance Of Salvation Is By Grace Through Faith

So, in this series we're not going to try and reinvent the wheel.

We'll use some of this blog as an outline to go through Holy Scripture on the subject of **Eternal Assurance.**

And we'll see where the Spirit leads us to expand on certain truths.

All the glory be to God for revealing to us the things He will reveal, by grace through faith.

And how about thanking God that He has even given us Holy Scripture to assure us?!

Amen?

He didn't have to... but that's what His perfect love does.

So let's enjoy some wonderful review right now, to the peace and deliverance of our souls, by His Holy Word and Spirit.

Assurance of Salvation Is By Grace Through Faith.

As true believers:

- We enjoy fellowship with God the Father and the Son through the Spirit (**1 Corinthians 1:9; 1 John 1:3; cp Galatians 2:20; 1 John 5:1**).

1 Co 1:9 *God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Now please listen carefully...

If you see that and hear that and you **enjoy** knowing this, and this is a **reality** in your life,...

... then **that's a fruit of your salvation and a reason for eternal assurance.**

1 Jn 1:1-3 *That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— 2 **the life was made manifest** (remember "Love Manifest"?), and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— 3 that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed **our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.***

1 Jn 5:1 *Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him.*

We first see here the simple truth of being born again, or born of God...

... the one who trusts in Jesus as the Christ, as his Lord and Savior, has been "born of God".

And a fruit or evidence of that is **love for the Father and for those born of Him.**

(remember, love covers a multitude of transgressions... in other words, we believers carry on His manner of loving)

That means you've been made new, and you are HIS possession, forever.

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And here's a verse that really humbles me every time I read it, and simplifies life for me...

Gal 2:20 *I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith*

in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Again, if you **enjoy** this thought...

... if you **embrace** the fact that you now live for Christ, and you **embrace** that Jesus loved you and gave Himself up for you,...

... **that right there is reason for your assurance with God...**

... that's a sign that your heart has been changed by God...

... that you are "in Christ Jesus" forevermore, because God says so.

Eternal Assurance in Christ: If in your heart, you **enjoy the truths found in verses such as Gal 2:20, you apparently possess some supernaturally-granted love and affection for Christ...which a man can only receive by grace through faith!**

I hope you see the point.

If not, ask God to show you the point.

But He wants we believers to live a life of assurance; that He is now for us and not against us!

Ro 8:31-32 *What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?*

If you hold Jesus is your Lord and Savior, then let not your hearts

be troubled.

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Ps 34:8 Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Is that you? Do you habitually turn to Him in your heart and "take refuge in him"?

Do you seek your heavenly Father's protection, or to get under the cover of His omnipotent wings?

If so, **that's another good sign** that your heart has been changed and you belong to Him.

You should be assured!

As we've learned in the last year or so,

Eternal Assurance: True believers have an affection for the Lord Jesus. That's a fruit of the born again believer. (i.e. - 1Jn 1:3, 5:1)

Do we struggle sometimes, even with our faith?

Yes, and that will happen to some degree until the day we leave these wretched bodies.

But, **THE LORD is our confidence.**

WE are not our confidence. THE LORD is our confidence.

Do you see it?

We are saved THROUGH CHRIST and HIS power, not because of our own power.

Not even human willpower can get us there.

Remember this old friend?

Jn 1:12-13 *But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, **who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.***

Only God chooses or elects or calls any of us, as we know, by grace.

John tells us here that we are *born of God* by believing in His Name, just as he told us in **1Jn 5:1**.

Born Again and Saved: If you've repented towards God and placed your trust in the Lord Jesus, then you will have an affection for Him, and you can rest assured He called you and

elected you. You belong to Him! Lk 18:13-14, Jn 1:12-13,3:1-18, Ac 16:31,20:21, Ro 10:9-11

We've been to these scriptures a lot in the recent past, but
Just for a little more ASSURANCE on this truth,

Lk 18:13-14 *But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house **justified**, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."*

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2 Co 1:3 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort.*

Are you **grateful** like this??

If so, then **be at rest... rest assured** of your **eternal** relationship with Christ.

Do you see a theme yet? :)

Eternal Assurance in Christ: If appreciation for these truths is going on in your heart, that's a sign you belong to Him. It's that simple and pure. That's good fruit; fruit of His Spirit within you.

In other words, you're NOT indifferent, like some church-goers are who are there for selfish reasons of some kind.

You will slip and fall at times, but as a believer you repent and come back to Him, because you KNOW something...

... or should I say you know SOMEONE?

Born Again and Saved: True believers KNOW the Lord, they know Who He is and His love and faithfulness and forgiveness, Jn 10:14-16,27-28,17:3, 2Ti 2:19; as opposed to those "lawless" ones to whom Jesus said "I never KNEW you". Mt 7:23,25:12

Jn 10:14-16 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

Jn 10:27-28 *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.*

Jn 17:1-3 *When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. **And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.***

2 Ti 2:19 *But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."*

If you actually care about avoiding lawless living... if you desire to do the right thing like Paul did in Ro 7... that heart is a sign you belong to God, despite your failures,.

In your heart, you desire to bring Him honor and glory, and your overall lifestyle reveals that.

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Php 4:19-20 *And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

God supplies all of our needs (not all our wants), and that should be very comforting.

Heb 4:16 *Let us then **with confidence**(with assurance)draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

1Pe 5:10-11 *And after you have suffered a little while, **the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ (WOW!!), will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.***

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As true believers:

- We enjoy being made new, freed from a fearful spirit of slavery, in Christ Jesus (**Romans 8:15; 2 Corinthians 3:5-6, 5:17**).

Ro 8:15 *For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, **by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"***

I was an orphan in this world, I was a slave to sin... but the Lord reached down to me and saved me and adopted me!

God loves orphans, remember :)

He reached down and crossed the chasm for us.

Crossing The Chasm: It gives our loving God immense joy to rescue those who humbly turn to Him. Lk 15:7,11-32

Just a friendly reminder of God's heart for us:

Lk 15:7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

Think of the father of the prodigal son running out to meet the returning son with great eagerness and joy, to hug him and love him and bless him.

Lk 15:20-24 And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

Now, think of the joy Jesus had knowing He was going to save us from sin and death!

The Joy of the Father: Remember... the child Jesus is also called "Eternal Father" in Is 9:6. And, Jesus and the Father "are one" in Jn 10:30. And, Jesus said "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father" in Jn 14:9. What can we then conclude about Jesus and the Father's joy??!

Jesus is equal with, and possesses, the same heart as the Father!

And we know **for the joy** set before Him, Jesus endured the Cross. **Heb 12:2**

He rejoiced at the opportunity to save our fallen, helpless souls.

He rejoiced at the opportunity to pay for our sins, once for all.

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2 Co 3:4-6 *Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.*

2 Co 5:17 *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The*

old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

And since we're in the neighborhood, look at:

2 Co 5:21 *For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

Thank God that He made we believers brand new "in Christ Jesus"!

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As true believers:

- We are given new abilities to learn from the Word of God, for sanctification's sake (**1 Corinthians 2:10-14; 1 John 2:27**).

1 Cor 2:9-14 *But, as it is written,*

*"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love him" —*

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

But again, look at vs. 12.

If you're reading your Bible and gradually seeing and understanding spiritual things, that's a supernatural sign of His Spirit within you.

I know some of you who struggled when first reading your own Bibles, but now you actually enjoy it and rejoice because God Himself is giving you understanding.

Rejoice! That's a sign that you are in Christ Jesus!

Rest assured!

Because, as we just read, ONLY HIS SPIRIT can teach us such things about God.

Only He can help us "get it".

The Spirit is truly the One who teaches us, all things even...

1 Jn 2:20 *But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge.*

1 Jn 2:24-27 *Let what you heard from the beginning **abide** in you. If*

*what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. **And this is the promise that he made to us — eternal life.***

*I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you. But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. **But as his anointing teaches you about everything—and is true and is no lie, just as it has taught you—abide in him.***

Rest in Him; in His Spirit He has given you.

Here's a little more assurance from our Lord's own lips:

Jn 14:15-18 *"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.*

This is related to the new abilities He has given His children to understand the Word of God.

Jn 14:25-27 *"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.*

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As true believers:

- We **enjoy** the fruit of the Spirit (**Galatians 5:22-23**).

Gal 5:22-23 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*

What's the vector in your life? Which direction are you going in?

Are these things gradually increasing in your life??

How about this; do you have a **desire** for these things to increase in your life? (i.e. Paul in **Rom 7**)

If so, you are "enjoying" the fruit of the Spirit; or at least you "crave" more of His fruit in you?

If so, if that's going on in your heart, that's another sign you should be **assured** of your salvation "in Christ Jesus".

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As true believers:

- We have an abiding love and eagerness for Christ that unbelievers do not have (**1 Corinthians 16:22; Philippians 3:20-21; 1 John 3:1-3**).

1 Co 16:22 *If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come!*

Php 3:20-21 *But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.*

1 Jn 3:1-3 *See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. 3 And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.*

Again;

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As true believers:

- We have an abiding love and eagerness for Christ that

unbelievers do not have (**1 Corinthians 16:22; Philippians 3:20-21; 1 John 3:1-3**).