

Sermon Notes

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“WHY DO PEOPLE HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT THEIR SALVATION?” (I John 5:13)

Introduction: God desires for {ALL} people to be saved (I Timothy 2:3-4 & II Peter 3:9b). God desires for all who are saved to have the {ASSURANCE} of their salvation (I John 5:11-13, John 10:28-29, and Romans 8:38-39). However, one of satan’s most frequent and effective weapons is {DOUBTS ABOUT THEIR SALVATION} (John 10:10).

I. {CONTINUING} TO DISOBEY GOD’S COMMANDMENTS!

*I John 1:4-9 *I John 2:3-6 *I John 3:5-10 *John 10:27-28
*II Peter 1:5-9

Note: Notice, sin breaks our {FELLOWSHIP} with God, not our relationship!

II. {COMPARING} YOUR EXPERIENCE TO OTHERS

*I John 2:12-14 *I John 3:13-15 *John 3:7-8 *John 6:37

Note: The Bible reveals many different {RESPONSES} to salvation!

III. {COUNTERFEIT} EXPERIENCE WITH CHRIST

*I John 2:18-20 *II Corinthians 5:17 *Philippians 1:6 *John 6:64-71

Note: Being in the church and being in {CHRIST} are not the same.

IV. {CONFIDENCE} IN PEOPLE INSTEAD OF GOD!

*I John 2:25-27 *Romans 10:9-13 *John 8:30-32 *I John 4:1

V. {CONFLICTS} WITH OTHERS

*I John 3:11-15 *I John 4:20-21 *Ephesians 4:30-32

Conclusion: Doubts steal our {JOY} (I John 1:4). Doubts steal our {CONFIDENCE} (I John 5:14-15).