

Where to Find Assurance

Introduction

Opening Illustration –

1. Faith in Christ
 - a. What is faith?
 - i. Faith is not . . .
 1. Association.
 - a. Church Membership, Calling ourselves a Christian
 2. An activity.
 - a. Prayer doesn't save us.
 - b. Attend church?
 - c. Baptism?
 - i. If baptism is all that is necessary, we should do it by force!
 - ii. Do they have to be willing?
 - d. Communion?
 3. Service
 - a.
 - b. Faith is belief put into action.
 - i. Belief is something you are confident about.
 - ii. Faith is what you are doing about it.
 - c. How does true faith work?
 - i. Hearing
 - ii. Believing
 - iii. Obeying
 - d. How does faith in Christ work?
 - i. Hear the Gospel message Romans 10:16-17
 - ii. Trust in Christ John 3:16; John 6:68-69
 - iii. Obey Christ Matthew 7:41; James 1:22; John 3:36
 1. Hear and obey
 2. Believe and obey
2. Fruit of the Spirit
 - a. Connect to the Vine John 15:1-17;
 - b. Receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38; Ephesians 1:13-14; Galatians 5:19-26
 - i. Holy Spirit is a guarantee.
 - ii. Put to death the flesh
 - c. Fruit of the Spirit 2 Peter 1:1-11
3. Fidelity with the Father
 - a. Worship the Father. John 4:23-24
 - b. Will of the Father. John 6:39-40

- c. Trusting the Father John 5:24
- d. Eternal life from the Father. 1 John 3:1-3; 1 John 5:10-13

Closing Illustration –

Closing Thought