**Blessed Assurance – 1 John 5:11**

**Focal Truth: Assurance of Salvation come from believing God’s testimony that Jesus is the Son of God**

**100% certain that if you die today you will go to heaven?**

**Observations**

1. **God has testified that Jesus is the Son of God – 5:5 -8**

*Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the One who came by water & the blood, Jesus Christ, not with water only, but with the water & the blood. It is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth*

1. Overcomers believe that Jesus is the Son of God 5:5
2. God testified Jesus as Son of God at His baptism & the cross & Pentecost
3. Three testify that Jesus is the Son of God by the Spirit, God at His baptism & God at His cross & the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost

Testified = to be a witness, to affirm that one has seen and heard – **God testifies!**

1. **Whoever believes that Jesus is the Son of God accepts God’s testimony about Jesus 5:9**

*If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for the testimony of God is this, that He has testified concerning His Son – 5:9*

1. Believers accept God’s testimony about Jesus as Son of God

John 5:32 – *there is another who testifies of Me and I know that the testimony He gives about Me is true*

John 5:37 – 38 - *the Father who sent Me, he has testified of Me, you have neither heard His voice at any time nor seen His form. You do not have His word abiding in you nor do you believe Him whom He sent*

1. God testified Jesus as Son of God at His baptism

Matt. 3:16 -17 - *after being baptized Jesus came up immediately out of the water and behold the heavens were opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending on him as a dove, and lighting on Him and behold* ***a voice out of the heavens said****, this is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased*

1. God testified at the cross Jesus as Son of God

Luke 23:44 – 45 - *it was about the sixth hour and darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour, because the sun was obscured, and the veil of the temple was torn in two*

Matt. 27:51 – *the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom, and the earth shook and the rocks were split, the tombs were opened and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they entered the holy city and appeared to many*

1. God the Holy Spirit testifies Jesus as Son of God

John 15:26 – *when the helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father,* ***He will testify about Me***

John 16:14 – 15 - *He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine, therefore, I said, that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you*

Acts 2:4 – *they were all filled with the Holy Spirit & began to speak with other languages as the Spirit was giving the utterance*

**The three witnesses agree – Jesus is the Son of God!**

1. **Whoever believes that Jesus is the Son of God has inner assurance of eternal life 5:10 -12**

*The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself, the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning His Son. And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life, he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life*

1. Whoever believes in Jesus the Son of God is assured by God’s testimony
2. Whoever believes in Jesus the Son of God has the inner assurance of eternal life

**Living with inner assurance of eternal life**

 Rom 8:16 – *The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God*

 Rom 8:17 – children of God are heirs of God and fellow heirs with Jesus Christ

 Rom 8:17 – children of God suffer with Christ on earth & will be gloried with Him

Gal. 4:6 – *because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His son into our hearts, crying Aba! Father!*

**Song: I’m no longer a slave to fear! I am a child of God!**

1. Whoever does not believe Jesus is the Son of God does not have eternal life
2. Whoever does not believe Jesus is the Son of God rejects God’s testimony about Jesus the son of God

**Unbelievers refuse & resist the testimony of the Holy Spirit about Jesus Christ Son of God & the gospel**

**Whoever refuses to believe the gospel calls God a liar!**

1. Believer’s inner assurance is acceptance of God’s testimony that they have eternal life – 11

*The testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son*

*He who has the Son has the life, he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life*

1:2 – *the life was manifested and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us*

2:25 – *this is the promise which He Himself made to us, eternal life*

4:9 – *by this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only Begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him*

5:20 – *we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding so that we may know Him who is true, and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life*

**Things to Remember & Do**

1. **The Holy Spirit testifies that Jesus is the Son of God**
2. **God’s testimony about Jesus is true & certain**
3. **Assurance comes with acceptance of God’s testimony about Jesus**

*The testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son*

*He who has the Son has the life, he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life*

**To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!**