



"BLESSED ASSURANCE"

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Introduction: The song *Blessed Assurance* has been on my heart this week. I love those first lines in that say, "*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.*" John, the beloved disciple wanted his readers to experience that kind of assurance. **I John 5:13** says, "*I write this letter to you who believe in the Son of God so you will know you have eternal life.*" Do you know you have eternal life? Would you like to gain that kind of assurance? Let's study together

Discussion:

I. The Lord Keeps His Promises

A. God will always hold His children.

Psalm 37:23–24, Jude 24

B. God will never abandon His people.

Psalm 94:14, Hebrews 13:5

C. God will always keep His word.

Psalm 119:89-91, Isaiah 40:31

D. God will keep His promises forever.

Psalm 138:2, Jeremiah 32:40, II Peter 3:9

II. The Lord Knows Our Needs

A. God will not refuse any who come to Him.

John 6:37–40, Matthew 19:14

B. God will provide according to His riches.

Philippians 4:19, John 5:24, Romans 5:1–5, Romans 8:35–39, Matthew 6:33

C. God will deliver us from our trials and temptations.

I Corinthians 10:13, James 1:12

D. God will guide us in the right direction.

Psalm 25:5, Hebrews 13:5, Psalm 119:105, Romans 8:14

III. The Lord Knits His Family

A. God will bless the household of faith.

Hebrews 11:1, Ephesians 3:12, II Timothy 1:12

B. God will answer the prayers of the righteous.

Proverbs 15:29, John 10:27–28, Galatians 6:1-2, James 5:16

C. God will listen to those who ask in the name of Jesus.

John 14:14, Ephesians 3:20, Acts 4:12

D. God will save us in the name of Jesus.

John 17:11-12, Ephesians 1:4–5, John 1:1-2

Conclusion: Paul understood this blessed assurance. **Romans 11:29** says, "*God never changes His mind about the people He calls and the things He gives them.*" We serve a God that doesn't make mistakes. Will you share His blessings? Will you receive eternal life? Do you have blessed assurance?

WORD OF THE DAY = "ASSURANCE"