

A Journey Through 1 John (Part 12)

1 John 3:19-24

Introduction:

– Six Reasons For A Lack Of Assurance:

- 1.) If you have never been s_____.
- 2.) If you are not pursuing g_____ in your Christian walk.
- 3.) If you are l_____ in sin.
- 4.) If you have l_____ t_____ regarding salvation.
- 5.) If Satan is c_____ doubts at you.
- 6.) If you can't r_____ the m_____ you were saved.

I. Assurance in Relation to Evidence of Growth (v19)

- The turmoil involved in lacking assurance
- The way to overcome a lack of assurance

II. Assurance in Relation to When We Fall Short (v20-21)

- The reality of falling short as a Christian
- God's truth in relation to when we fall short

III. Assurance in Relation to Prayer and Obedience (v22-23)

- God's eager response to the prayers of the obedient
- To be a Christian means to...
 - Believe in Christ by faith
 - Love others as Christ has loved us

IV. Assurance in Relation to the Work of the Holy Spirit (v24)

- Evidence of the Spirit's work gives assurance

Conclusion:

- Where do you stand today in relation to assurance?
- Do you lack assurance?