

► Prepare for Next Week

Read these passages and reflect on these questions to prepare your heart and mind for next week's message.

What I Believe

1 John 1:1-10; 2:1-2; 3:1-3; 5:6-17, 20-21

1. Summarize the meaning of these passages.

2. How does this teaching apply to me?

3. What step will I take to respond?

“Just so you know...”

Part 1
Being Sure I'm Saved
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► Outline

I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life.

1 John 5:13 (NLT)

1. Evidence of salvation: (1 John 3:23-24)

- What I _____.

- How I _____.

- Whom I _____.

- What the Spirit _____.



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2. Stages of spiritual growth:

(1 John 2:12-14. C/R: Col. 2:7; 3:10)

- Spiritual children know the _____ and receive _____.
(1 John 2:12, 14a. C/R: John 17:3; Gal. 4:6; Eph. 1:7)

- Young believers defeat _____ and know God's _____.
(1 John 2:13b, 14c. C/R: John 17:14-19; Eph. 4:14)

- Mature believers know Christ _____.
(1 John 2:13a, 14b. C/R: John 17:25-26; Eph. 4:13; Phil. 3:10-11)

Soul Training

Ask yourself – 'Where am I spiritually and how can I grow closer to God?'

Answers: 1. believe, behave, love, does 2. Father, forgiveness, Satan, Word, intimately

Resource Information: Outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version of *The Holy Bible*. C/R refers to a scripture verse cited as a 'cross reference.' Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through YouVersion Events. Visit bible.com/app to download the free app.

► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself, with a friend, or in a group as you pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus this week.

Opening

What is something that immediately made you think of God this week?

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

1. How does 1 John 5:10-13 tell us we can be sure we are saved?
2. What are the specific assurances listed in 1 John 2:12-14? Which one is especially encouraging to you?
3. How does 1 John 3:19-24 tell us how we can know we *belong to the truth*? What things are true of people who belong to Jesus?
4. How would you summarize the meaning of these passages?
5. What part of this teaching applies most directly to you?
6. What steps will you take to respond?

Daily Reading

Day 1: Psalm 62:1, Isaiah 43:1-7, Jeremiah 17:7-8

Day 4: Romans 5:1, 8:1, 38-39, 10:9-14

Day 2: Matthew 7:21-23; John 1:12; 6:37; 8:31-32

Day 5: Hebrews 10:21-23; 2 Timothy 2:10-13

Day 3: John 10:27-29; Acts 2:21, 4:12; Romans 1:16-17

Day 6: 2 Peter 1:3-11

Memory Verse: 1 John 2:14 (NLT)

I have written to you who are God's children because you know the Father. I have written to you who are mature in the faith because you know Christ, who existed from the beginning. I have written to you who are young in the faith because you are strong. God's word lives in your hearts, and you have won your battle with the evil one.