

**Life with Christ:**  
Some Myths Busted  
January 28 & 29, 2012

1 John 2:1-11

**What to remember about our salvation:**

- It is \_\_\_\_\_ of our relationship with God.
- God \_\_\_\_\_ it on our behalf.
- Jesus made it \_\_\_\_\_.
- Everyone can \_\_\_\_\_ it through faith in Jesus.
- And, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ it as our advocate.

1. Assurance of faith *is not* found in towing the line or comparing deeds.

Assurance of faith *is* found in Christ and is proven by obedience.

2. Assurance of faith *is not* found through empty belief.

Assurance of faith *is* found through faith that leads to life transformation.

3. Assurance of faith *is not* found by looking to self and seeking mystical or emotional experiences.

Assurance of faith *is* found in loving others as Jesus loves.

**Questions for Personal Reflection  
And Group Discussion**

1. In what ways are physical and spiritual needs the same? Do you see the priority of the spiritual need of reconciliation with God and assurance of this relationship?

2. Look at verses 1 and 2. Which reminder of the Gospel message stood out to you the most? (See outline, if needed.) Was there any part of the Gospel summary that was new to you or was presented in a fresh way?

3. In the message there were three ways we find assurance of faith in our lives; obedience, a life transformed by Christ, love for others. Which of these three gives you the most assurance? How do all three point to one answer for finding assurance?

4. How is performance different than obedience in proving that we are relying upon His grace? (See also 1 John 1, 2 & 3; Col. 2:6; Heb. 6:11 and 10:22) Does it help to remember that God expects obedience, but provides forgiveness?

5. The “empty belief” myth is expressed and corrected in verses 4-6. Read these verses in light of Rom. 12:2 and 2 Cor. 5:17. Is saving faith in Jesus the same as belief in Abe?

6. The myth of “mystical or emotional experience” is rooted in our inward focus for assurance of salvation. Looking at verse 10, 3:14 and John 13:34-35, where should we be finding our assurance? Is there ever a healthy use of feelings?

7. 1 John 2:1-11 can be tests. By taking them seriously we can find the assurance we need. In light of these verses and 2 Cor. 13:5, how do you feel called to respond?

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