**Blessed Assurance – 1 John 5:18 -19**

**Focal Truth: Assurance of salvation is Jesus the Son of God’s guardianship of the believer**

**100% sure?**

Assurance of safety & protection bring peace of mind. Assurance of Jesus Son of God’s guardianship over the believer brings peace, removes fear & worry.

**Observations**

1. **Believers know that the truths of Jesus the Son of God protect them from a lifestyle of sinfulness 5:18**

*We know that no one born of God sins…*

1. The words of Jesus Son of God lead us to victory over a sinful lifestyle

John 8:34 – you will know the truth and the truth will make you free

1. The words of Jesus Son of God cleanse us from our sin

John 15:3 - You are already clean because of my word which I have spoken to you

1. Believers keep themselves from sin by obeying God’s word

James 1:21 – putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the world implanted which is able to save your souls

James 1:27 – Pure and undefiled religion is to keep oneself unstained by the world

Ps. 119 – How can a young man keep his way pure by keeping it according to your word

2 Cor. 7:1 – having these promises, beloved let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit perfecting holiness in the fear of God

1. The words of Jesus Son of God sanctify our minds & desires for holiness not sinfulness

John 17:6 – *I have manifested Your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; they were Yours and You gave them to me, they have kept your word*

John 17:17 – sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth

John 17:19 – for their sakes I sanctify myself, and they themselves also may be sanctified in truth

1. **Believers know that Jesus the Son of God guards them from the evil one 5:18**

*He who was born of God (begotten of God) keeps Him and the evil one does not touch him* – **“touch” = grasp – the evil one cannot grasp – hold the believer in Christ**

1. Jesus Son of God warned believers about the devil – the evil one

John 8:44 – whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar the father of lies

1. The believer battles with the evil one while in this world

Eph. 6 – we wrestle against principalities, powers, against rulers of the darkness, spiritual hosts of wickedness in heavenly places

1. Jesus the Son of God disarmed & destroyed the power of the evil one on the cross & by the resurrection

Col. 2:14 -15 – having canceled out the certificate consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us, and He has taken them away having nailed it to the cross. When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities having made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him

1. Jesus the Son of God protects believers from the evil one in the world

John 17:11 – I am no longer in the world, and yet they themselves are in the world,

and I come to you Holy Father, keep them in Your name the name which you have

given Me, that they may be one even as we are one

John 17:12 – while I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name which you

have given me, and I guarded them and no one of them perished but the son of

perdition so that the Scripture would be fulfilled

1. Jesus the Son of God keeps believers secure forever

John 10:28 -29 – I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My father who has given them to Me, is greater than all and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand

1. Believers overcome the evil one through salvation in Jesus Son of God

1 John 2: 13 -14 – young men have overcome the evil one.

1. **Believers know they are children of God in a world controlled by the evil one 5:19**

*We know that we are of God and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one*

1. Believers do not love the world

1 John 2:15 – do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him

1. Believers know that the world is not from God but in the evil one’s power

1John 5:19 – the whole world lies in the power of the evil one

1 John 2:16 – all that is in the world, lust of flesh, lust of eyes, and boastful pride of life is not from the Father, but is from the world

1. Believers know that false teachings about Jesus Christ are in the world

1 John 4:3 – every spirit that does not confess Jesus Christ is not from God but from the world

1. Believers know that Christ in them is greater than the evil one in the world

1 John 4:4 – you have overcome them because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world

1. Believers know that they are followers of Jesus Christ living with confidence in the world

1John 4:17 – love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment, because as He is, so also are we in this world

1. Believers know that they overcome the world by faith in Jesus Son of God

1 John 5:5 – who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God

**Things to Remember & Do**

1. **Rejoice in the assurance of permanent protection through Jesus Christ the Lord!**
2. **Resist the devil by the power of the Holy Spirit of God**
3. **Refuse to love the world – overcome the world through the power given to you from the Lord Jesus Christ!**

*We know that no one born of God sins He who was born of God (begotten of God) keeps Him and the evil one does not touch him.*

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