**Blessed Assurance – 1 John 1:6**

**Focal Truth: The self -righteous confesses to be saved but lives like the unsaved**

Today are you 100% sure that you will go to heaven when you die?

The church is filled with a mixture of people who have false assurance & blessed assurance John warns of the teachings of false teachers who were self -righteous hypocrites

Today we see the danger of self – righteousness that produces false assurance of salvation

**A person’s confession of faith must be tested by their walk of faith!**

**Blessed Assurance comes when our confession of faith matches our walk of faith**

**Observations**

1. **The self - righteous confess they have fellowship with God but do not practice the truth of God – 1:6**

*If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth*

1. The self - righteous confesses fellowship with God but lives in sinful darkness

2:11 – the one who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going because the darkness has blinded his eyes

John 3:19 – this is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. For everyone who doe evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed

Sinful living is living in darkness

Sinful living hates the Lord Jesus Christ & the Light of God

Sinful living runs from the Light to avoid exposure

1. The self - righteous believes the lie that their lifestyle is not important to faith in God
2. The self - righteous does not practice the truth of the gospel living

John 3:21 – He who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God

* They refuse to repent of sinful lifestyle yet confess they have fellowship with God
* They avoid worship & prayer & the reading of the Word of God
* They do not live in righteousness toward their neighbor

1. **The self - righteous deceives himself confessing to be sinless – 1:8**

*If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us*

1. The self - righteous are convinced they are not sinners by birth - nature
2. The self - righteous are convinced that they are not guilty for sin
3. The self – righteous are convinced they are not responsible for sin because they are not sinners

Pr. 20:9 – who can say, I have cleansed my heart, I am pure from my sin?

**The self - righteous proudly declare I am pure from sin!**

Lk. 18:11 – the Pharisee stood & was praying to himself, God, I thank you that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterer or even like this tax collector…

1. The self - righteous deceives himself & does not have the truth of God

**The self - righteous proudly believe that they are not sinners thinking they are sinless**

1. **The self - righteous confesses that they have not sinned – 1:10**

*If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us*

1. The self - righteous believes he does not sin or need to confess sin
2. The self - righteous denies the sinfulness of sin
3. The self - righteous denies the truth of God that “all have sinned and come short of the glory of God”
4. The self - righteous do not have the truth of God’s word in their thinking

Rom 3:10 – 18

There is none righteous no not even one, none who understands, none who seeks after God… there is no fear of God before their eyes

**The self - righteous defy God’s truth that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.**

**The self – righteous live in self – assurance not blessed assurance.**

**Things to Remember & Do**

1. **Know the Light** **of God in Jesus Christ**-1 John 1:5– this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light and in Him there is no darkness at all
2. **Come to the Light in Jesus Christ** – John 8:12 – Jesus said to them, I am the Light of the world, he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.
3. **Walk in the Light in Jesus Christ** - 1 John 1:7– if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all unrighteousness
4. **Confess your sin in the Light to God** – 1 John 1:9– if we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness for His name’s sake

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