

1 John 3 began with a charge for us to behold our prominent position in God's family as sons and daughters of God (v. 1) and to consider how God sees us as **sinless** through the image of Christ in us (v. 5-6, 9). These truths motivate us practically to **sin less**. We then saw that our brotherly love is a natural powerful force in us, in our church, and on display for the world to see and believe as a sign (John 13:35). These truths bring us assurance and _____...in our hearts, in our prayers, and in His commandments.

CONFIDENCE TOWARD GOD – 1 John 3:20-24

1. Confidence in our Hearts – v. 20-21

- Our hearts can fail to give us a _____ of confidence and assurance, but our secureness is not based upon our feelings – Gen. 6:5-6; Jer. 17:9-10; Rom. 8:29-39, 10:9-10.

Loss of feeling of assurance is _____ loss of salvation (Jn. 6:37; 1 Pet. 1:3-5) =

We can fail the Lord, but He will never fail us (Heb. 12:15, 13:5; Php. 1:6) =

- Those who are confident in their heart toward God have a GREAT _____ to do GREAT things for Him – 1 Sam. 17:45; 1 Kings 22:15-28; Dan. 3:16-18; Acts 1:3; Rom. 8:31; Php. 1:14.

2. Confidence in our Prayers – v. 22

- A confident and powerful prayer life is _____ to right living – Heb. 4:16-17; Matt. 7:7-11; Ps. 66:18-19; Pr. 15:29; 1 Pet. 3:7-12.

Keep His commandments (1 John 1:9) =

Do those things...pleasing in His _____ (1 Kings 3:3-10; Matt. 3:17; Pr. 16:7; Col. 3:20) =

- We can be confident (as we live righteously) that He _____ our prayers – 1 John 5:14-15.

Sometimes the answer is _____ (Matt. 26:36-44; 2 Cor. 12:7-9) =

Sometimes the answer is _____/grow (Jn. 16:12; Job 23:3; Dan. 10:10-14) =

Sometimes the answer is _____ (yes) (James 5:17-18; 1 Kings 18) =

3. Confidence in His Commandments – v. 23-24

- The commands of God are summarized and safe for us, and our _____ to do them gives us confidence that God's Holy Spirit is in us – 5:3; Matt. 22:35-40; Jn. 13:34-35; Lk. 11:28; Deut. 6:24.

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and love one another (v. 23) =