

ASSURANCE ELEMENTS — 1JOHN 2:3-6

³Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. ⁴He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ⁵But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. ⁶He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked. (1 John 2:3-6)

1. COGNITIVE ASSURANCE

MIND

INTERNAL

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- Cognitive assurance of salvation comes right out of the promises of Scripture.
- It starts in the mind and is rational. Assurance runs parallel with faith.
- This is not perfect assurance (Mk.9:24, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"; Lk.17:5, "increase our faith").

2. SUBJECTIVE ASSURANCE

EMOTIONS

INTERNAL

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ADOPTION - Being led by the Spirit is spiritual, not of a material nature

- **Romans 8:16**, "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God"
- As you study the Word of God, the Spirit bears witness through the promises of Scripture that you are His child.

CONVICTION - Conviction is another way the Holy Spirit leads us

- The Spirit gives us that sense of conviction on the inside to guard from external pressures (2Co.1:12).

CHASTENING - He corrects us because He loves us

- The Lord will bring things into our lives to "nudge" and correct us to get us back onto the right path. This brings assurance (He.12:5-6).
- He corrects us because we are His children. He does not do this for the unbeliever. The unbeliever is always on the wrong path. Unbelievers need to be reborn, not reformed.

3. BEHAVIORAL ASSURANCE

ACTIONS

EXTERNAL

WALK

- "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water" (He.10:22)
- There is no assurance of salvation without sanctification (He.10:22). This is a moral test (1Jn.2:3).
- Where there is in your life a lack of sanctification, there will be with it a lack of assurance.

→ **All of these contribute to a FULL ASSURANCE (He.10:22)**