

# Application Questions

...*be doers of the word, and not bearers only*... (James 1:22, ESV)

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Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; 1 Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- How does God want my beliefs and/or actions to change?
- How can I accomplish this change?
- What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

1. What are some reasons people doubt their salvation? Maybe this is a personal question...what are some reasons *you* doubt your salvation? For each reason you can list, seek out and memorize a Bible passage (probably in 1 John) that gives help.
2. Read Hebrews 4. What is the author's theological point? (Hint: it is directly related to the text we studied in 1 John) What are his answers?
3. Memorize 1 John 5:13 and John's three tests. Be sure that you can give help to someone else who is struggling with doubt and assurance through John's tests.

*Here are some resources that might help you as you grow in your knowledge of and obedience to Christ.*

*That You May Know* (Christopher David Bass)

*Heaven on Earth* (Thomas Brooks)—Puritan

*Assured* (Greg Gilbert)

*Assurance: Overcoming the Difficulty of Knowing Forgiveness* (John Owen)—Puritan; difficult read, but worth the effort

*Can I Be Sure I'm Saved?* (R.C. Sproul)

*Kept for Jesus* (Sam Storms)

*How Can I Be Sure I'm a Christian* (Donald Whitney)



# FOUNDATIONS OF ASSURANCE

## 1 JOHN 4:13-21 (PART 1)

## Sermon Notes

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Sinclair Ferguson: “Assurance is our reaction to the gift of salvation and our reflection on our trust in Christ.”

Thomas Brooks: “A soul under assurance is always attended by three fair handmaids: love, humility and holy joy.”

Thomas Watson: “Sanctification is the seed; assurance is the flower which grows out of it.”

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