

Obedience, Confidence, and Abiding in Him (1 John 3:19-24)

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A. Two sources of confidence (3:19-20)

1. (vs. 19a) The first source of confidence is that we know that we are of the truth because we love “in deed and in truth” (vs. 18b).
2. (vs. 19b-20) The second source of confidence is that we can persuade our heart of two things if it condemns us:
 - a. “God is greater than our heart”
 - b. “and know all things.”

B. Confidence leads to answered prayer because of obedient living (3:21-22).

1. (vs. 21) A persuaded heart that no longer condemns us means “confidence before God.”
2. (vs. 22) It further means comprehensive answered prayer for two reasons:
 - a. “because we keep His commandments”
 - b. “and do the things that are pleasing in His sight.”

C. Obedient believers abide in Jesus and He abides in them (3:23-24).

1. (vs. 23) Notice the two-fold “commandment”:

a. “that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ”

b. “and love one another”

• All this is, “just as He commanded us” as well.

2. (vs. 24) Here we have two ways of knowing that we abide in Him and He in us:

- a. The first is obedience: “he one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him.”
- b. The second is the Spirit: “And we know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.”