

The Confident Life

1 John 3:19-22

- I. Confidence in God's Grace: When we love our brothers sincerely (3:18), we have assurance of God's grace toward us (1 John 3:19-20).
 - A. Our active, sacrificial love for others reveals our own spiritual sincerity ("truth" – 3:19; see 3:18).
 - B. We can be at rest (instead of condemnation, fear, guilt and doubt) knowing that we are secure in our relationship with our gracious God (3:20).

- II. Confidence of Answered Prayer: When we are confidence of God's grace, we have confidence in prayer (1 John 3:21-22)
 - A. When we properly understand God's grace for us we will have confidence that he answers our prayers (21,22a).
 - B. God answers the prayers of believers who live to please Him and want His will to be done (22b; see 1 John 5:14, 15; John 15:7).