

# **CONFIDENCE THROUGH OBEDIENCE**

## **I John 3:19-24**

**God desires our obedience and provides us  
with confidence when we follow His commands.**

### **I. CONFIDENCE IN OUR POSITION** (19-20)

- Being right with God

#### **A. OUR PRACTICE** (18)

- An active and sincere love for others

#### **B. OUR PERCEPTION** (19)

- We know that we are of the truth

#### **C. OUR PROBLEM** (20a)

- A condemning heart

#### **D. OUR PROVISION** (20b)

- A great and omniscient God

#### **E. A PICTURE** - From Luke 15:18-24

#### **F. OUR PRESCRIPTION**

- Focus on God's faithfulness and not our faultiness

### **II. CONFIDENCE IN OUR PRAYERS** (21-22)

- Being answered by God

#### **A. OUR APPROACH** (21)

- Uncondemned and unrestricted

#### **B. OUR ASSURANCE** (22a)

- God grants our requests

#### **C. OUR ACTIONS** (22b)

- The reasons and conditions for answered prayer

1. We keep His commandments
2. We do things that are pleasing in His sight

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### III. CONFIDENCE IN OUR PARTICIPATION (23-24)

- Being in fellowship with God

#### A. TWO COMMANDS (23)

1. Believe
2. Love (Behave)

#### B. THE COMMUNION (24a)

- The one who obeys abides

#### C. THE COMPANION (24b)

1. The Holy Spirit in us, given to us
2. The Holy Spirit is proof of our abiding relationship - John 14:16-17
3. The Holy Spirit assures us of our relationship with God - See Rom. 8:14-16

### CONCLUSION

How confident are you about your closeness to the Lord?

- Are you walking in obedience to His commands?
- If not, are you willing to confess and get close once again?

“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.” - James 4:8