Blessed Assurance

God's S.O.S. (School of Sanctification)

1 John 3:11-24

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S.O.S. Class

KEY IDEA: God joins us in the "School of Sanctification" to bolster our confidence.

4 Stages of Learning

- We should – Observation (v. 11)
- We know – Discovery (v. 14)
- We will know – Teacher-controlled environment (v. 19)
- We have confidence – our faith in Jesus (v. 21)

1. We should . . . love. (v. 11)

- False faith covers a destructive heart.

2. We know – (Discover) eternal life makes us loving. (v. 14)

- Love and hate both cost a life.

- Actions convince/convict our hearts.

3. We will know – God steps in to guide His kids. (v. 19)

- If our heart condemns us – God takes over.

- "What cannot be gained by moral perfection cannot be lost by moral imperfection." – Michael Heiser

4. We have confidence – our walk is secured by Jesus. (v. 21)

- When you <u>know</u> you're safe you can go anywhere with confidence.

Discussion Questions:

1. How is sanctification like a class?
2. How does "abiding" impact our walk? (Define it then discuss)
3. Discuss point 3. Why is it important that God steps in when our hearts condemn us? Do any other verses back this up?
4. What do you think John wants us to know?