ASSURANCE

In my judgment, my brethren have been slow to accept the idea of “assurance.” From my earliest recollection I remember preachers bearing down on the idea that all would have to give account in judgment. I think we resisted the idea of assurance because every denominationalist we knew was spouting it all the time, and we knew they were wrong. If one is wrong in one part of doctrine he must be wrong in the others, or so we reasoned.

The apostle John made the statement, “I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.” (1John 5:13 ESV emphasis mine) We knew that, but we struggled with it because we thought it presumptuous.

Now think about it for a minute, you are a Christian, having been baptized into Christ, endeavoring to live right, ask God for help and forgiveness every day, why shouldn’t you have assurance of your salvation? God has promised, “For I will be merciful to their iniquities, And their sins will I remember no more.” (Heb. 8:12)

So for the faithful Christian, the one who really has faith, works at that faith, worships God regularly, gives of his means, is steadfast in prayer, has all kinds of assurance that he is saved. Why therefore, do we not have confidence in the knowledge as John said, “that ye may know…”

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