

Assurance and Security

As we continue in the Christian life we come to a place where we are sure. It's not at first, nor is it easily attained, nor can we attain it ourselves. In abiding in Christ through ups and downs over time we begin to see that we can trust God. This has nothing to do with bad things happening to us, but in the trust that "nothing can separate us" from our the assurance of our faith in Christ.

1st Step

Romans 8:31-39

Philippians 1:6

John 10:27-30

Step In

Last week we learned about sanctifying grace -- the grace God provides in order to sustain us on our journey. What are some things that sustained you on your journey this week?

Step Up

Our tendency is to work at *deserving* God's grace rather than trusting in God's grace. We must allow Jesus to be our teacher -- to guide us into living a new life according to His will and His truth.

What are some ways we can learn from Jesus? What opportunities or methods are available to us? How can being a part of a faith community help?

Step Out

When we are in a relationship with God, no matter how difficult the times, we can react with a different perspective and with a strength that is not our own. No problem is insurmountable. God has called us together for a purpose, and that purpose is good. We are forever secure because that was God's plan from the beginning. How have you experienced God's assurance?

Sermon Notes