

CONFIDENCE IN CHRIST

I. THE BASIS OF OUR CONFIDENCE- 1 John 3:19a

A. *THE BASIS OF OUR CONFIDENCES RESTS IN CHRIST ALONE*—that we are of the truth

B. *THE BASIS OF OUR CONFIDENCE IS FOUND IN OUR CHANGED LIVES*—we will know by this—i.e. tangible love

II. THE OBJECTIVITY OF OUR CONFIDENCE- 1 John 3:19b-21

A. *THE OBJECTIVITY OF OUR CONFIDENCE STEMS FROM OUR FOUNDATION IN CHRIST ALONE*—we are of the truth

B. *THE OBJECTIVITY OF OUR CONFIDENCE PROVIDES ASSURANCE*—we...will assure our heart

C. *THE OBJECTIVITY OF OUR CONFIDENCE APPLIED HOLISTICALLY*—in whatever our heart condemns us

D. *THE OBJECTIVITY OF OUR CONFIDENCE IS STRENGTHENED BY A BIBLICAL VIEW OF GOD*—for God is greater than our heart and knows all things

III. THE BENEFIT OF OUR CONFIDENCE- 1 John 3:22

A. *THE BENEFIT DESCRIBED*—whatever we ask we receive from Him

B. *THE BENEFIT'S DEMAND*—because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight

1. Our prayers must be shaped by His Word—*because we keep His commandments*

2. Our prayers must be shaped by a right desire—*do the things that are pleasing in His sight*

Conclusion