

## DIGGING DEEPER



1. What did you learn from our study of 1 John 3:18-24 that you did not already know? What one change do you purpose to make in your life as a result of this study?
2. How have you be troubled by a guilty conscience or a “condemning heart”? How has it affected your relationship with God and others? How has it affected you in other ways?
3. What do you think may be or have been the root cause of this self-condemnation? How have you tried to resolve it? Were you successful?
4. List reasons why you and others you know may doubt their salvation?
5. How do you know with absolute certainty that you know God? How has this study in 1 John 3:18-24 helped you? What issues or questions may you still have with your security or assurance of salvation?

### *For Long-Handled Shovels*

- How is believing on the name of Jesus related to loving others?
- How is loving others linked to assurance of salvation?

# Conquering a Guilty Conscience



## 1 John 3:18–24

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Genuine Christian Fellowship*

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1 John 3:18-24

<sup>18</sup> My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. <sup>19</sup> And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. <sup>20</sup> For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. <sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. <sup>22</sup> And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. <sup>23</sup> And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment. <sup>24</sup> Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

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**What is a Guilty Conscience?**



**I. Two Cures for a Condemning Heart (18-20)**

**A. Our \_\_\_\_\_:**

- 1.
- 2.

**B. God's \_\_\_\_\_:**

- 1.

2.

**II. Three Causes of a Condemning Heart (20)**

**A. \_\_\_\_\_**

**B. \_\_\_\_\_**

**C. \_\_\_\_\_**

**III. Two Confirmations of a Confident Heart (21-22)**

**A. Answers to \_\_\_\_\_**

**B. Ability to \_\_\_\_\_ His Commandments**

**IV. Two Inseparable Commands (23)**

**A. \_\_\_\_\_**

**B. \_\_\_\_\_**

**V. Two Amazing Consolations (24)**

**A. We Abide in \_\_\_\_\_**

**B. He Abides in \_\_\_\_\_**