

“Living in _____”

First John 3:19-24

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Introduction:

Scripture clearly teaches:

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By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰ for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²² and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

1. Having _____.

19-22

Explanation:

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The NLT

“It is by our actions that we know we are living in the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before the Lord, even if our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.”

John 15:7–8 (ESV):

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

Illustration:

Comprehend God

John Wesley said: "Bring me a worm that can comprehend a man, and then I will show you a man that can comprehend the Triune God!"

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Application:

Intentionally, live _____.

Colossians 1:10 (ESV)

10 so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

2. Having _____.

23-24

Explanation:

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Illustration:

A Dinner plate left out

Application:

Intentionally, keep on believing_____.

Conclusion:**The "DONE" Religion**

"There is a great difference between your religion and mine," said a Christian to his neighbor.

"Indeed!" was the reply. "What is that?"

"It is this: Yours has only two letters in it, while mine has four."

"What do you mean?" said he.

"Well, yours has 'DO'. Mine has 'DONE.' "

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We understand we don't "Do" to be saved or get saved but we "do" b/c we're saved & b/c of what was "Done"