

Rest Assured
1 John 1:5-2:2

The question, “_____?”
helped motivate John to write his 1st letter.

After defining living a godly life as _____ in the _____, John speaks to our doubts about our salvation. He concludes that we struggle with assurance of salvation when we live in ways that are _____ with God’s way of life revealed in Jesus.

But John isn’t talking about walking in the light *so that* we can be saved. Salvation is provided as a _____ of God when anyone chooses to _____ in Jesus and His death on the cross as God’s provision for our sins. You can’t _____ or deserve it. But how you live can impact whether you _____ or not.

John notes that people who fall out of _____, usually due to sinful behaviors, thoughts, or attitudes, often doubt their salvation. In the fellowship we are _____. Together, we pray, praise, serve, and hear the word taught and preached. Our confidence in our relationship to God _____.

John then offers another behavior that is crucial if we want to have a sense of assurance of our salvation: _____ of sins. Walking in the light alone cannot sustain our sense of assurance since we are all _____, and we will never be completely _____ from sin.

So, what can we do if we can’t walk in the light perfectly? We can confess our sins. The word “confess” means to “say the _____ as” God. When we acknowledge our sinful behaviors to God, he assures us in our spirit by _____ that the blood of Jesus has and continues to _____ us from all unrighteousness.

Ultimately, the basis for our eternal security as believers is that we have an _____ with the Father, who is the atoning sacrifice for sins. In Jesus, you have the right _____ before the Father. He paid your _____.

Finally, did you notice? God, the judge, is now _____. How do you like your chances now? You can _____.