

**Identity Theft Series:
Day #3 – Removing the Obstacle of Doubt**

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

Sermon Summary:

You are Sealed by God – This sermon will focus on removing the obstacle of doubt when it comes to the security of our salvation. We will observe how we can walk with God with confidence by choosing to live a life focused on being led and guided by the Holy Spirit. Can a person be confident of their salvation? The answer is absolutely YES.

Four Stages of Walking with Confidence

Stage #1 – Accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior

- 1 John 1:1-4
- 1 John 4:4
- 1 John 2:28
- **Key Point:** The first stage of being able to walk with confidence of my eternal security is based upon the simple fact of yielding my heart, soul, and mind to Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. This is not merely something I do one time in my life and then check out mentally and spiritually. This is a spiritual discipline that I pursue on a daily basis.

Stage #2 – Affirm the Reality of Sin

- 1 John 1:5-10
- 1 John 2:1-2
- Galatians 5:16-21
- **Key Point:** The second stage of being able to walk with confidence of my eternal security is by simply affirming the reality of sin. Every single one of us must face the fact that we are sinners that have fallen short of the glory of God and when we find ourselves entrenched in sin then we must humble ourselves before God, seek His face, and repent.

Stage #3 – Obey God's Commands

- 1 John 2:3-6
- Matthew 22:36-40
- **Key Point:** The third stage of being able to walk with confidence of my eternal security is by simply obeying God's commands. If we do not obey His commands then we are not living as children of light and if we are not living as children of light then we are exhibiting the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

Stage #4 – Lay Down Our Lives for Our Brothers

- Galatians 5:22-26
- 1 John 2:15-17
- 1 John 3:16-20

- **Key Point:** The final stage of being able to walk with confidence of my eternal security is by learning the true concept of what it means to love others as Christ has loved us. This means that we begin living a life of laying down our lives in the form of submitting to Christ and sacrificially serving others.

Memory Verse

1 John 4:4 – You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

Challenge

Continue walking through the weekly **“Identity Theft”** study guide available on the Home Fellowship table out in the foyer. The focus will be on Day #3.

