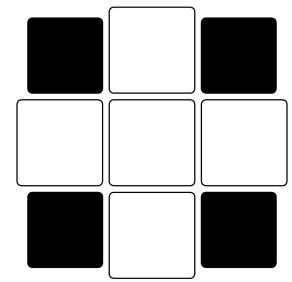


Abiding and Assurance

Scripture: **1 John 4:13**

Series: **Doctrine & Devotion: A Study in the First Epistle of John**

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Overview

The Christian life is made happy through abiding and assurance.

Corroborating Texts

Ephesians 2:11-21; Psalm 139; John 15

Discussion Questions

1. Do you notice how often many Christians are generally unhappy? Are you one of these?
2. What does it mean to abide in Jesus? [through faith] How do we do so? [through gospel remembrance and through gospel obedience] As far as “gospel remembrance,” how do you tend to forget about the gospel?
3. How do we pursue Gospel Remembrance? [through means of grace: fellowship, prayer, communion, reading of the Word] If our obedience does not make us right with God, what does it do? [It makes us dependent on God; It keeps us focused on God's glory]
4. What are the consequences of abiding? [true usefulness and fruitfulness]
5. What is assurance? [the knowledge that we, as believers, have salvation and eternal life] Who assures us of salvation? [the Holy Spirit]
6. What does the Holy Spirit do? [He convinces and persuades us of the Bible and of our salvation in Christ]
7. What hinders us from having assurance? [looking at ourselves rather than at and to Jesus]
8. How does remembering the persons of faith in the Bible and their failures help us when we consider assurance? [they remind us that we can be Christians, and yet not be perfect]
9. What has been your experience of assurance?