


THE ASSURED HEART
1 John 3: 18 -24





To Believe in Jesus
and
Love the Brethren

The 3 Wonderful Blessings

I. ASSURANCE IN GOD'S PRESENCE, 19-20

II. ANSWERED PRAYERS, 21-22

III. THE ABIDING PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, 23-24.

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“We shall know by this (v 18) that we are of the truth, and shall assure our heart before Him.”

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²⁰ If our hearts condemn us,
we know that God is greater than our hearts,
and he knows everything

Jeremiah 17:9

The heart is deceitful above all things
and beyond cure.
Who can understand it?

For when you grieve the Spirit, you
"turn off"
the supply of God's love
(Eph. 4:30-5:2).



Body



Mind



Not a reliable guide to
morals and truth.

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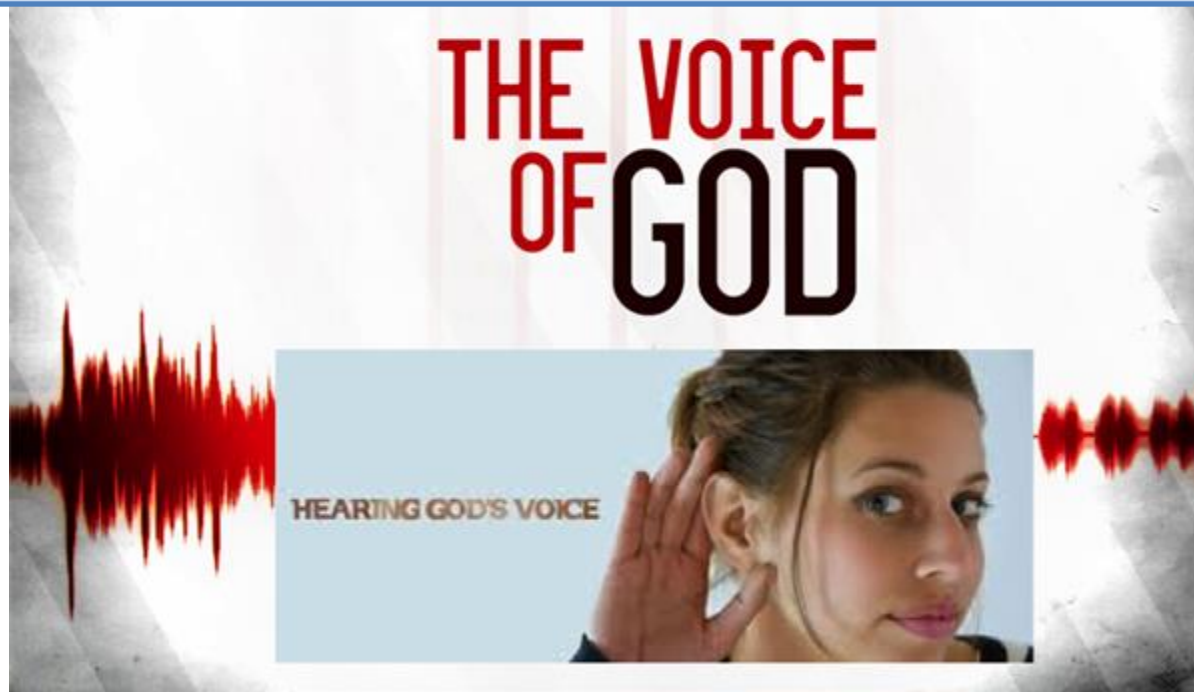
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His voice of assurance
is stronger than
the accusing voice of our
conscience.



II. ANSWERED PRAYERS, 21-22.

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“kata” = against
“gnoskō” = to know

“know against myself.”

II. ANSWERED PRAYERS, 21-22.

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²² and receive from him anything we ask,
because we keep his commands
and do what pleases him

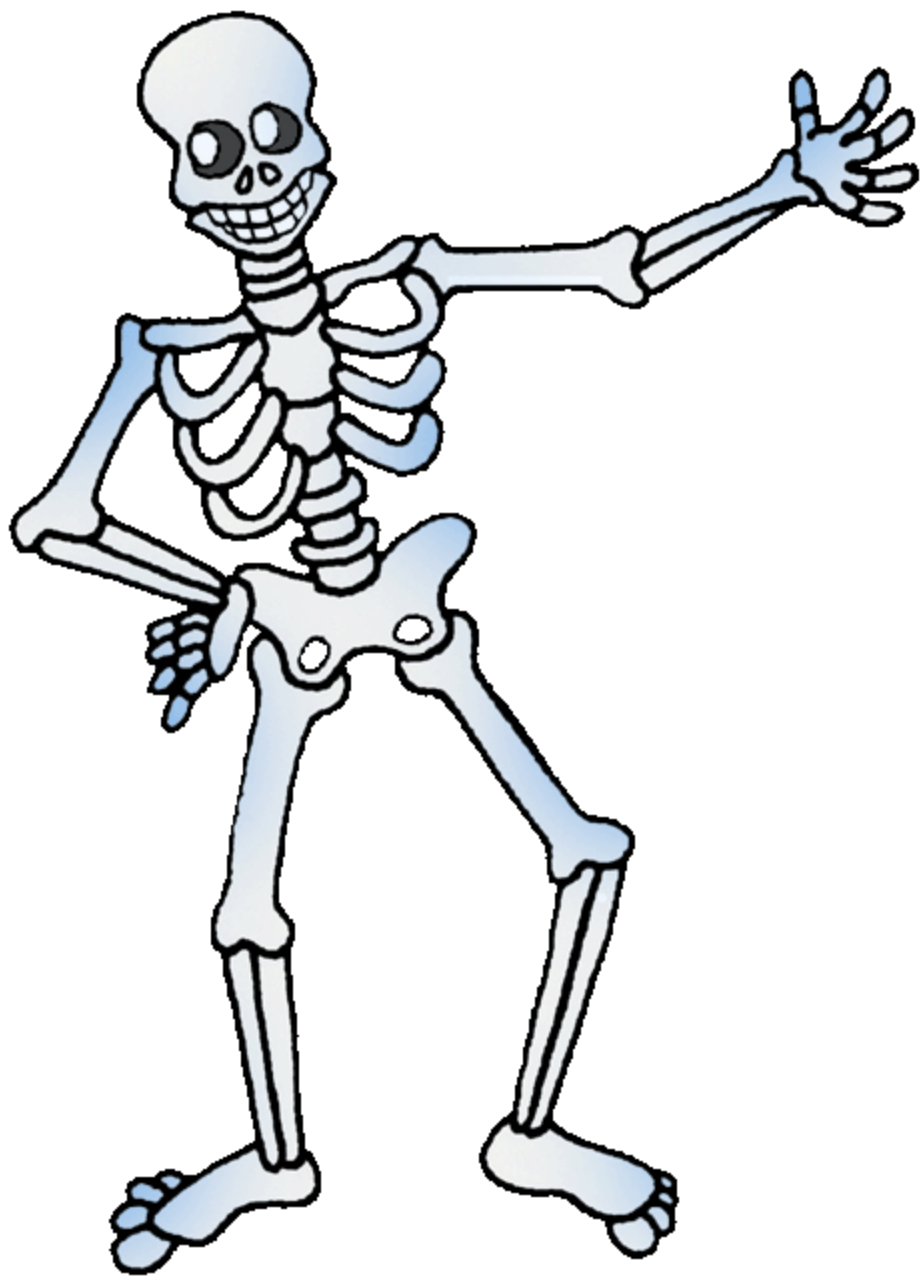
Loving one another is also a prerequisite to answered prayer.



What is Prayer?



It is the offering up of God's will
through the yielded believer





Never underestimate His desire to
respond to our prayers.
A surprise may be just around the
corner.



Psalm 66:18

18 If I had cherished sin in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened;

One great secret of answered prayer is
OBEDIENCE
and the secret of obedience is
LOVE



III. THE ABIDING PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, 23-24.

²³ And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us

Faith in Jesus and
love toward man

Belief and Love go
together

The proof of belief is continuing to
love one another.

Without the right belief in Jesus love
will be absent

It was only in works
that **Jim** proved he
was justified by faith

It was only in works that
Joe proved he had not
been regenerated

The only way you can demonstrate
what is in your life is by
what you do.

III. THE ABIDING PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, 23-24.

²⁴ The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

Jesus replied,
“Anyone who loves me will
obey my teaching.
My Father will love them, and
we will come to them and
make our home with them

John 14:23

CONCLUSION

When we abide in Christ
we grow into His likeness.

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Would you allow God's presence to fill your being, you soul, your consciousness?

Now in His presence let Him minister to you and speak truth to you.

Ask Him how is your love for the brethren?

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Ask Him if you are keeping His commands to believe and to love.

Is God convicting you today that you have not loved the brethren in deed and truth?

Have you let His love cause you to see and receive the help you need to put your personal world in order?