***JON’S SERMON OUTLINE….***

THE ASSURANCE OF RELATIONSHIP

*My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.****2****He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.* ***3****We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands.****4****Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person.****5****But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him:****6****Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.*

1 John 2:1-6

Introduction: Today’s sermon is the second in this series entitled “Blessed Assurance”, from the book of 1 John. Last week, we looked at the assurance of forgiveness in 1 John 1. Our topic this morning will be The Assurance Of Relationship (1 John 2). The Christian life is a life of KNOWING and the word “know” is a key word in 1 John. The way we KNOW we have a relationship with God is laid out in 1 John 2 as three tests.

1. THE MORAL TEST: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (2:1-6):

 a. Religious talk is not enough.

 b. Righteous walk can be tough.

2. THE SOCIAL TEST: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (2:7-17):

 a. Take care of your love for your brother.

 b. Take care of your love for the world.

3. THE DOCTRINAL TEST: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (2:18-29):

 a. Acknowledge God’s Son.

 b. Abide in His teachings.

CONCLUSION: How’s your relationship with God?

Answers: 1. Obedience 2. Love 3. Belief