***JON’S SERMON OUTLINE….***

THE ASSURANCE OF ETERNAL LIFE

***13****I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.****14****This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.****15****And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.* ***16****If you see any brother or sister commit a sin that does not lead to death, you should pray and God will give them life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that you should pray about that.****17****All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death.* ***18****We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the One who was born of God keeps them safe, and the evil one cannot harm them.****19****We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.****20****We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.*

1 John 5:13-20

Introduction: Today’s sermon is the final one in a five-part series entitled “Blessed Assurance”, from the book of 1 John. In the first 4 sermons, we looked at The Assurance of Forgiveness (1 John 1), The Assurance of Relationship (1 John 2), The Assurance of The New Birth (1 John 3), and The Assurance of God’s Love (1 John 4). Our topic this morning will be The Assurance of Eternal Life (1 John 5). The greatest thing you can be assured of in this life is eternal life with God in heaven. There are 4 things in 1 John 5 that underscore your assurance of eternal life:

1. YOUR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ CAN OVERCOME (5:1-5):

 a. Faith in Jesus Christ makes a big difference (1-3).

 b. Faith overcomes the defeat you feel from the world (4-5).

2. YOUR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ IS HEAVEN (5:6-13):

 a. There are “witnesses” that put a “witness” in you (6-10).

 b. Eternal life is based on the written Word (11-13).

3. YOUR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ PRAYER IS HEARD (5:14-15):

 a. We know He hears us within His will (14).

 b. He answers with a complete understanding of things (15).

4. YOUR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ CAN BE DEFEATED (5:16-21):

 a. The practice of unrepented sin leads to death (16-17).

 b. If you “keep yourself” in God, God will keep you from defeat (18-21).

CONCLUSION: Do you know for sure you’re going to heaven?

Answers: 1. Faith 2. Future 3. Fervent 4. Failures