

IT'S TRUE; HE IS GOD, AND HE IS LOVE; AND HIS CHILDREN CAN BE SURE!

1 John 4:1 – 5:5

Part 2

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Introduction

As we enjoy this abiding relationship with Christ, the Holy Spirit within us brings the assurance of our salvation to our hearts. We know that Christ lives within us by the Spirit's witness within us. "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God" (Romans 8:16). The Holy Spirit confirms to our inner person the validity of our true, saving relationship with Christ. Such inner assurance can come only from God.

In his book, *Absolutely Sure*, Steve Lawson writes: "As we abide in Him He produces key characteristics in our life. Not a list of do's and don'ts, but a way of being that identifies us as His children. Let's take a look at 'The Characteristics of Children of God.'"

REVIEW FROM LAST SUNDAY

- What is God? God is Love (1John 4:7-8).
- How did He express it in a major way? He sent His Son (1John 4:9-11).
- How is He still loving us? God abides in us (1 John 4:12-16).

THE CHARACTERISTICS OF CHILDREN OF GOD

- His Children abide in His Love (1 John 4:12-16).
- His Children are confident (1 John 4:17-19).
- His Children say and do (1 John 4:20-21).
- His Children are obedient (1 John 5:1-3).
- His Children overcome the world (1 John 5:4-5).

PERSONAL QUESTIONS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

- 1) Are you confident about having been forgiven?
- 2) Do you have a desire to love others?
- 3) Is obedience part of your every day walk?
- 4) Is your faith having “victory” over sin and temptation?