**5.31.20 Sermon Outline**

Christian Assurance: Do You Have It?

Background Scripture: 1 John 5:6-13

Sermon Focus - 1 John 6:13

I. Lack of Christian Assurance Is Harmful

The absence of assurance can...

A. Arrest the growth of new believers and all believers (If they think that salvation is based on their own faithfulness or obedience following conversion).

B. Rob believers of the joy that should be the signature of a believer

C. Cripple a believer's usefulness

II. Causes of the Lack of Assurance

Several things can cause the lack of assurance including:

A. Misunderstanding of salvation (Eph. 2:8-9)

B. Interpreting divine chastisement as God not loving us (Hebrews 12:5-13)

C. Lack of an emotional feeling associated with conversion

D. Insufficient faith in the promises of God

III. Mile Markers of Those With Christian Assurance

A. They are obedient to God (1 John 2:3-4)

B. Demonstrate a continuing love (1 John 3:14)

C. Aware of the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit (1John 3:24; 4:13, Roman's 8:14-17)

D. They accept the testimony of Scripture as divine truth (1 John 5:11-12)

Summary thought – Christian Assurance is something we can and should have as believers. God’s people frequently received God’s word of assurance Fear not before he was asking them to move in a new direction. God assures us today to “fear not” as he prepares His churches to meet the needs outside of our doors and in the lives of those around us. Put your armor on!