

Sermon Application Study

July 5, 2026

Target Passage → 1 John 3:19-24

1. How can our heart condemn us as believers? Explain John's use of "condemn" here as compared with Paul's use in Romans 8:1.
2. What does it mean that "God is greater than our heart" and how is it a solution to the problem of condemnation?
3. According to vs.22, is John saying if we do enough to please God he will give us whatever we want? Explain.
4. What is the relationship between keeping God's commandments and abiding in God?
5. What's the Holy Spirit's role in our mutual abiding with God? How does his presence give us confidence before God?

Bridge Passages (for further study) → Deuteronomy 15:7-9, Romans 7:14-8:2

For Me →

1. Describe a time when you felt resistance in your heart to be faithful to God's Word? What did the sting of conviction feel like to you?
2. John wants us to have confidence before God. Do you have this confidence? Why or why not?

For the Mission →

The believer and unbeliever have something in common: both resist God; the believer at times and the unbeliever all the time. How might you explain the gospel to an unbelieving friend using resistance/hardening of heart as the focal point?

PRAYER FOCUS

Ask the Lord to reveal to you those parts of your life where you are still resistant to full faithfulness to his word. Pray for conviction that will lead to change for God's glory.