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THE GOSPEL: HOW WE KNOW
1 John

The Contrast...

- Superficial faith is always **possible**.
- Saving faith always **perseveres**.

The Confidence...

- Assurance of eternal salvation is a **reality**.
 - ▶ **When** saved, always saved.
- False Foundations of Assurance...
 - ▶ A **moral** lifestyle.
 - ▶ Intellectual **knowledge**.
 - ▶ **Religious** involvement.
 - ▶ Active **ministry**.
 - ▶ A **guilty** conscience.
 - ▶ **Positive** thinking.
 - ▶ A past **decision**.
- True Foundations of Assurance...
 - ▶ The present **truth** of Christ in your life.
 - Am I **believing** in Christ alone for my salvation?
 - Am I **abiding** in Christ alone as my salvation?
 - ▶ The present **work** of Christ in your life.
 - Am I **obeying** what Christ says?
 - Not holy **perfection**.
 - Instead, holy **direction**.
 - Am I **loving** like Christ loves?
 - ▶ The present **Spirit** of Christ in your life.
 - Do I **listen** to the Spirit of God in His Word?
 - Am I **led** by the Spirit of God in my walk?



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The Conclusion...

- Beware of spiritual **deception**.
- Be warned concerning spiritual **inaction**.
- Be working and waiting with spiritual **anticipation**...
 - ▶ By His grace, He will bring you to **eternal life**.

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