



Lemoore church of Christ

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Assurance

While false assurance is prevalent in the world today, true assurance is found only in Christ. The apostle John writes, "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life" (1 Jn. 5:13). What is the source of Christian assurance? Christian assurance comes as the result of knowing and practicing the things which have been written in God's inspired word. There is quite a contrast between Christian assurance and the pseudo-confidence espoused by many in the religious world today. Confidence is not the result of some "better-felt-than-told" experience. It is not based upon the assurance provided by man. It is based on the timeless and inspired word of God. Peter says, "Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that it, through the living and abiding word of God" (1 Pet. 1:22-23). When God's word is the source of spiritual rebirth, confidence is produced. Jesus assures us that "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My word shall not pass away" (Mt. 24:35).

Assurance based on subjective feelings is faulty to the core. Feelings come and go. The assurance of people who base their salvation on feelings will rise and fall like the tides of the ocean. Instead, we must build our hope on the solid rock of God's revealed truth. Ultimately, confidence comes from being in Christ. Paul writes, "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (Rm. 8:1). The Bible tells us that a penitent believer comes into Christ when he is united with Him in baptism (Rm. 6:3-4). Then, as we live in the light of His word, we enjoy assurance of our salvation (1 Jn. 1:7).

—Glen Elliott—

Five Minutes with God: This week:

Sunday	Day 334	John 19:17-24
Monday	Day 335	Matthew 27:46-56
Tuesday	Day 336	Mark 15:33-41
Wednesday	Day 337	Luke 23:44-49
Thursday	Day 338	John 19:25-30
Friday	Day 339	John 19:31-37
Saturday	Day 340	Matthew 27:57-61

Prayer List:

Garrett's brother in law has COVID-19

Sandy, friend of Cheryl Crain, had surgery

Gary Cole recovering from knee replacement

Whitney Broaddus

Dennis Chamberlain recovering from back surgery

Raquel Lopez fell and fractured her arm.

Gary Curtis will have eye surgery Dec. 2

Mike Souza recovering from back surgery

Eula Rhoads

Alice's sister, Ruth, had emergency abdominal surgery Nov. 21st.

Betty Standridge having problems with feet/legs

Lorie Witt's sister Cindy, niece Cambria and mother

Ann, have COVID-19. Ann fell on her way to the hospital- has bump on head

Kerri Hodgson's brother Don hypothermia

Megan, Garth's Brother-in-law's niece, cancer

Michael Davis, from Springville congregation (son Aaron and family have visited here) is very ill.

Kathy Shough, relative of Lynda Sander, -results show NO evidence of disease.

Kim Cargill, Stephanie Tischmacher's stepmom

Doug Standridge

Red and Marjory Cooper

Janet Billington beginning radiation for liver cancer

Len Cargill, Stephanie Tischmacher's dad, Achilles surgery

Meryl Wamhoff, friend of Lisa Butts, ongoing chemo

Gary Radcliff, Garth's father, started chemo

Linda Frye, Cancer

Bill Fox, co-worker of Frank Baldwin,

Angie and Tito Cano- Tito on maintenance meds

Bart Massey, friend of Dixie Blair, stomach cancer

Casey Case Jr ongoing oncology treatment

Our Mission Work:

- First Responders
- Preachers in Nicaragua
- Agape Village
- Crossover Ministry
- City of Children
- Manuelito's Children's Home
- Church of Christ Disaster relief Fund
- World Christian Broadcasting