Confidence or Concern?

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I. Content and Context

- Written by the Apostle John
- John refers to them as "children" (2:1, 12, 18)
- Wants them to obey so their joy will be increased (1:4)
- Addressing behavioral concerns (1:5-2:17)
- Addressing theological disputes brought on by the "deceivers" (2:18-19)
- True believers are "anointed" with the Holy Spirit and given true knowledge of Jesus so they can profess faith in Him (2:20-27)

II. Answers (1 John 2:28, 3:10)

III. Analogies (1 John 2:29-3:18)

A. Righteousness versus sin (2:29-3:10)

B. Love versus hate (3:10-18)

IV. Assurances (1 John 3:19-22)

A. Their/our actions (3:19-20a)

B. Christ's actions (3:20b-22)

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

Reflective Questions for You and Your Small Group

1. As a group, summarize the sermon in just a few sentences to help reorient yourselves to the main points made on Sunday. To help you do this consider the following questions: What main question was John answering in verse 2:28? What follow up questions was John answering in verse 3:10? How does verse 3:10 connect verses 2:29-3:18? How does the pericope we looked at on Sunday (2:28-3:22) connect to the previous pericope (2:18-2:27)?
2. The title of the sermon was **"Confidence or Concern?"** Did the sermon on Sunday give you confidence about your salvation or concern for your salvation? Or maybe it confused you about your salvation? Share with one another and do your best to be honest and transparent.
3. In terms of John's two contrasts (Point III: A and B), which are you more convicted by when you evaluate your own life.
4. Share about a time you felt loved by those in your church. How are we called to love in light of God's love for us even when we might feel let down?