



SERIES: MAY- JULY: THE MAIN THING

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Scripture: 1 John

TITLE: 1 John – Actively Rest Assured

I don't care who you are. We all value security at some level. In our jobs, we'd like to know that our job is secured. In our bank accounts, we like to see bigger numbers in the black. In our relationships, we value security in their longevity and quality. And we all desire to have security in our relationship with God.

But can you have that eternal security? If you struggle with this, then you should read the book of 1 John.

The letter of 1 John was written by John one of the pillars of the Jerusalem church. John was writing to various churches who were in his care. The letter of John is a book about love, fellowship, and security in Christ. It was written around 90 A.D. from Ephesus.

John was passionate about his relationship with God. John would experience God's light, love, and life. He wanted to impart that same experience to his people and to us today.

So what's the main thing from 1 John? It's security in Christ. The word "know" occurs 27 times in 1 John. This knowledge is meant to create security in our souls and lives.

1 John 5:11-13 says, ["And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. The one who has the Son has life. The one who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."](#)

Friend, God doesn't want us to be unsure of our relationship with Him. He wants us to be confident in His Son who gives us eternal life. He didn't say temporary or conditional life. He said eternal. He said "I have written these thing to you who believe so that you may know that you have eternal life."

But what if you sin or struggle? 1 John 1:9-10 has the answer. John writes, ["If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say, 'We have not sinned,' we make him a liar, and his word is not in us."](#)

So yes, we still struggle with sin, but God is faithful and righteous. So we need to confess and continue our fellowship with Him. Friend, if you're worried about your salvation, 1 John will give you the security you need. John wrote these things so that you will know, believe, and rest in God's grace.

So here's my challenge for you today: actively rest in God's grace. What does that mean? It means, once Jesus saves you, you can rest in God's grace. But you don't get to coast. So we get to actively rest by abiding in God's light, love, and life. So live intentionally through God's grace and then rest in His grace.

When we actively rest in that grace, we will win the day!