

# Doubt And The Mercy Of God

## 1 John 3:19-24

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**Thesis:** In our lives, most Christians will have times where they doubt their salvation or the goodness of God. But God tells us in His word how we can fight against doubt and know that we abide in the mercy and goodness of God.

A. The reassured heart and the causes of doubt (vs. 19)

1. John's definition of our heart

2. What causes the need for reassurance

a. Sin

b. Misinformation or lack of information

c. Tragedy

B. The mercy of God and the freedom of worship (vs 20)

C. The mercy of God gives way to confident expectations in prayer (vs. 21-22).

D. The two ways to know you abide in the mercy of God (vs. 23-24)

1. Joyful obedience

2. Testimony of the indwelling Spirit