**Day 20 – Witness of the Spirit**

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As God’s children, it should be our heart’s desire to practice righteousness and love our brothers and sisters in Christ, as a way of life. Our love should be sacrificial and practical active tangible love. This is a heart issue and our heart will reveal when we are loving as we should, and this will give us confidence to go to God in prayer, because we are keeping His commandments and doing those things pleasing in His sight.

1. In light of keeping His commandments, John says what in verse 23?

2. When we believe on the name of God’s Son, what happens to us?

Then as a child of God, what are we to do?

3. Now in verse 24, John says he who keeps His commandments what?

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4. According to verse 24, how do we know He abides in us?

Note: Those who abide in Jesus know they are abiding in Him because of the presence and assurance of the Holy Spirit.

5. How are we assured according to Romans 8:16?

6. And what do we learn about the Holy Spirit from Romans 8:9?

Note: Anyone who belongs to Jesus has the Holy Spirit in them; and the Holy Spirit gives us assurance we are born again and that we are abiding in Him.

7. According to 1 John 3:19, God has given us another basis for assurance. What is it?

Let’s go to some cross-references to learn more about the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, whom God has given us.

8. John has previously talked about the “anointing” of the Holy Spirit.

Write what he said in the following verses:

John 2:20

John 2:27

9. What did Jesus teach concerning the Holy Spirit in the following scriptures?

John 14: 16-17

John 14: 25-26

Note: “Another” means another of the same kind. Helper means one who comes alongside, an advocate. (It’s the same Greek word as Advocate in 1 John 2:1.)

10. So, the Holy Spirit is God, another of the same kind of what?

The Holy Spirit is the life of Jesus in us… the real life… eternal life.

11. The anointing of the Holy Spirit does what according to John 14:26?

**Application:** In 1 John 3:24, John is talking about the witness of the Spirit in the life of the believer. Do you have the quiet confidence given by the Spirit that you have passed from death to life… that you are a child of God? Do you know that you know Him?