

**GOSPEL GUT CHECK: WHEN YOU FEAR YOU'RE NOT REALLY SAVED**  
1 JOHN 3:19-24 (ESV)

Overarching theme of 1 John 2:18-3:24:

When the Holy Spirit indwells someone, He actively encourages that person's growth in (1) \_\_\_\_\_, (2) \_\_\_\_\_, and (3) love for Christian brother.

I. When our faith, holiness, or love seem \_\_\_\_\_, it's normal to \_\_\_\_\_ whether we're really God's children.

*In circumstances like these...*

A. Don't \_\_\_\_\_! Your feelings, thoughts, and conclusions aren't always \_\_\_\_\_ of reality.

B. Prayerfully examine Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ and ask for God's loving \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Don't fall into the trap of (1) condemning \_\_\_\_\_, leading to (2) personal commitment to \_\_\_\_\_.

II. For you to \_\_\_\_\_ that you belong to Jesus, God will have to \_\_\_\_\_ every condemnation your heart dredges up.

A. Assurance is gained by bringing every accusation and condemnation to the \_\_\_\_\_, all-knowing God who still \_\_\_\_\_ sinners .

B. If your faith (or lack thereof) seems to condemn you...

1. \_\_\_\_\_ out what you \_\_\_\_\_ by that,
2. Confess your \_\_\_\_\_ to God, and
3. Ask Him to \_\_\_\_\_ your faith in the Gospel.

C. If you feel condemned by a failure to love in word *and* deed...

1. Remember what \_\_\_\_\_ really is and \_\_\_\_\_ it comes from,
2. Recognize how God has particularly \_\_\_\_\_ you to love,
3. Confess to God how you have \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, and
4. Ask the Spirit to \_\_\_\_\_ your delight in God and compassion toward others.

D. If you feel condemned by behavior that is not like Jesus,

1. Again, examine what God has actually commanded,
2. Confess where you are convinced you have \_\_\_\_\_,
3. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ God made about you, and
4. Ask for the Spirit's sanctifying work.