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without cost

Assurance = makes us able to go ahead
Right Road
Rom. 7:16 - 1 J. Jno. 3:24

"The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God"

"And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us"

This assurance is peculiar to the Kingdom of Jesus the O.T. rings without the promise of a new experience in that Kingdom.

1. Ezek. "a new heart will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you - I will take away the stony heart of flesh and I will give you a heart of flesh" AND I will put my spirit within you"

2. All the O.T. writers with a strange unanimity look forward to this new Kingdom feature with an unearthly joy.

Hundreds of years B.C. this condition came these men were paying it more mind than some of us do now.

In speaking of this assurance they gave it various symbols.

1. Fertility "the wilderness & the solitary places shall be glad and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as a rose"

a. Desert will become gardens - our purpose
b. Dry mountains will grow with with harvest - our purpose

2. wave of song - success louder and louder till the isles by the sea take up the refrain and the angels caught it up and joined - hymning God's praise

that prefigured in O.T. becomes the central teaching of N.T.

The witness of the Spirit is clearly revealed and should be - Don't know Christians! HOW-KNOW

The first fruit of the Spirit is love, "we know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren."

Assurance is powerful to keep a person strong

1. In trials - early church had some thing it loved better than life and it laid down its life for it with shouts of victory.
2. Temptation - if you just know that you have got temptation but little power over you
3. In danger

Assurance is the thing for an age of doubt, In Jno. Wesley's day - drunken ministry Wesley came with his heart "strangely warmed".

Objections to assurance.

1. Feelings may deceive us
 - a. Bride groom
 - b. mother at gram of baby
2. Leads to extreme - yes it makes extremely bad men good.

This assurance can come to the hardened sinner and the young sinner

"Bying Steward"

If U have assurance and find that it

- a. makes you strong
- v. makes you go ahead
- c. makes you a man of faith in an age of doubt
- d. makes you love

Do you not want others to have it?
you who do not have assurance that you are saved do you not want it?

Charles Wesley
Heart of stone for no assurance

