

Problem:

presumption - to claim to be saved by grace but to be unmotivated by it for service

you are lukewarm and you are loving it

assurance - a confidence in His finished work that motivates your present work - eph 2:8-10

Main Idea:

confidence in His present provision

conditioned on His finished work

causes assurance in your present walk

Implication:

our assurance is not motivated by legalism

its motivated by love...

Application: Heb 12:1-2 -its about abiding

go on to the good works laid out before you but...

do not go on unmotivated by the joyful assurance that comes from a full reliance on His finished work and His present provision

Text:**Confidence in His present provision**

1John 2:1 ¶ My little children, **I am writing these things to you** so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

my little children - believers in view - (Rom 8:15; eph 1:5) -> 1 Jn 2:1, 12, 28; 3:2, 18; 4:4; 5:21

I am writing these things to you about joy and sin- 1:4; 2:1; (2:7, 12-14, 21, 26; 5:13)

our Advocate - Heb 4:14-16

- confidence to confess is the context- 1 Jn 1:9

Conditioned on His finished work

1John 2:2 He is the propitiation for our sins (jewish?), and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Is The doctrine of particular redemption consistent with 1 john 2:2?

My Argument:

If Christ died for me in the same way that he died for someone who will eventually be damned, then what differs between us isn't Christ, it's me.

did not die to make men savable but to accomplish something definite

-> Heb 9:12

not about all people but His people

-> John 10:11, 26; 15:13-14

unbelievers still in their sins - Rev 21:5-8

-> people from the whole world not every person

-> Rev 5:9; jn 17:9-20 -> 11:51-52 -> jn 1:9-13

not about every person without exception but every

sin without distinction - sins plural - 2 Cor 5:21

the cross is the only thing that separates the

sinner from his sins - no matter what kind

- sufficient for all efficient for the elect

here is the context - you can confidently confess when you sin because our advocate has fully accomplished our redemption

- in other words if you sin you can confidently go to Christ who has satisfied God's wrath on every kind of sin you could commit in the whole world

Causes assurance in your present walk

1John 2:3 And **by this we know** that we have come to know him, if we **keep his commandments**.

1John 2:4 Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him,

1John 2:5 but whoever **keeps his word**, in him truly the love of God is perfected. **By this we may know** that we are in him:

1John 2:6 whoever says he abides in him ought to **walk in the same way in which he walked**.

our assurance- 2:3, 5- by this we know -> 1 Jn 1:6, 8, 10; 2:4, 6, 9, 4:20- if we say is not motivated by legalism (perfection)- Rom 3:19-25a -no distinction propitiation

motivated by love - propitiation

(3) keep His commandments: - Jn 14:15, 21 -loves Him

(5) keeps His Word - Jn 14:23-24; 8:51, 55;- loves Him

(6) walk in the same way - John 13:34-35 - loves one another

it about abiding

abiding in His love - Jn 15:9-11

abiding in His joy -> Heb 12:1-2

Articles for further study:

<http://www.gotquestions.org/limited-atonement.html>

<http://www.the-highway.com/1Jh2.2.html>

<http://rscottclark.org/2006/08/limited-atonement/>