

Trusting Christ:

***The Assurance of our Relationship
with God***

Series: Simple Church:

Connecting People to God

1 John 5:9-15

Neighbor...

⌘...faith is definitely a good thing, but your faith is no good if what you believe in is no good.

Our goal with...

⌘...this series is to get everyone on the same page when it comes to what is *simple church.*

Simple Church...

⌘...is a *process...* a process that enables us to move through four basic steps as we move toward spiritual maturity.

Our Simple 4-Step Process

Step 4

Connect to the Lost

Step 3

Connect to Ministry

Step 2

Connect to Others

Step 1

Connect to God

Our Simple Process for Connecting to God

Obeying Christ

(John 14:18-26)

Loving Christ

(1 John 4:7-18)

Trusting Christ

(1 John 5:9-15)

Knowing Christ

(Matthew 16:12-20)

Sermon Thesis

⌘ If we genuinely know Jesus Christ, we also know that we can trust Him to do everything He said He would do.

Trusting Christ...

⌘...means **believing**
that Jesus is God

⌘(1 John 5:6-10)

Key Question...

⌘...What does it
really mean to
believe ?

Three Witnesses...

⌘ **The Water (Matthew 3:13-17)**

⌘ **The Blood (Matthew 27:45, 50-53)**

⌘ **The Spirit (John 15:26; 16:14)**

Trusting Christ...

⌘...means *believing*
that God has given
you eternal life (1
John 5:11-13)

Eternal Life is a...

⌘...gift. It cannot be earned. (John 10:27-29. It is a gift that is received by faith Failure to believe makes God a liar

Security

⌘ Those who have
trusted Christ for
salvation have
eternal security

Assurance...

⌘...is the confident realization that in Christ we have eternal life and forgiveness of sin.

Trusting Christ...

⌘...means *believing*
that God both *hears*
and *answers* prayer.

⌘John 16:24

Robert Law...

⌘...Prayer is a mighty instrument, not for getting man's will done in heaven, but for getting God's will done on earth."

George Mueller

⌘ Prayer is not
overcoming God's
reluctance. It is laying
hold of God's
willingness.”

Prayer keeps a...

⌘...believer in the will of God, and living in the will of God keeps a believer in the place of blessing and service.