

## *Affirmation in 1 John*

The author of 1 John affirms his readers, assuring them that they are doing well and that they enjoy a positive status before God.

- They have had the word of life revealed to them (1:1–2).
- They have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ (2:1).
- They have assimilated the truth of the new commandment (2:8).
- They have received forgiveness of sins (2:12).
- They know the Father, the one who is from the beginning (2:13–14).
- They have overcome the evil one (2:13–14).
- They are strong, and the word of God abides in them (2:14).
- They have been anointed by the Holy One and know the truth (2:20–21).
- They do not need anyone to teach them (2:27).
- They are children of God already, and they will be like Christ (3:1–2; 5:19).
- They have Christ abiding in them, and he has given them the Spirit (3:24; 4:13).
- They are from God and have conquered spirits of the antichrist (4:3–4, 6).
- They are indwelt by one who is greater than the one who is in the world (4:4).
- They have experienced love being perfected among them (4:17).
- They have faith that conquers the world (5:4).
- They believe in the name of the Son of God (5:13).
- They have eternal life (5:13).
- They have boldness before God in prayer (5:14–15).
- They have been given understanding to know God (5:20).
- They are in the God who is true, through his Son, Jesus Christ (5:20).