Introduction:

Man’s fellowship with God can be tested on two accounts, which are signs of assurance:
I. MORAL TEST - Obedience to God’s commands
II. SOCIAL TEST - Fellowship with his fellow man

I. Moral Test (vs. 3- obedience to God’s commands)
   A. The one who says, “I have come to know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; (vs. 4)
   B. The one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked. (vs. 6)
   Jesus is our example: “For I have given you an example that you also should do just as I have done for you.”
   C. The one who says he is in the Light and yet hates his brother is in the darkness until now. (vs. 9)

II. Social Test (vss. 7-11)
   A. Love brothers and sisters in Christ
      1. Not a new commandment, but heard from the BEGINNING: Creation (John 1:1)
         Love your neighbor as yourself (Leviticus 19:18)
      2. How is it new?
         First time God’s agape love is perfected in Christ
   B. Abiding in God’s light gives no occasion for stumbling
      1. He doesn’t stumble himself
      2. Will not be cause of stumbling to others

Conclusion:
Moral test and Social Test summed up in one word: CHRISTLIKENESS - living in Obedience and Love