

“THE ASSURANCE OF FAITH IN A WORLD OF DOUBT”

1 John 5:13-21

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Christians can rest in the truths that we belong to the God who answers prayer, that we can experience spiritual victory, and that Christ is the true and only source of eternal life.

I. The Assurance of the Possession of Eternal Life. 5:13

Believing God’s witness to His Son gives a sure foundation so that we can know that we have eternal life.

- A. Because _____ . 1 John 1:7-10
- B. Because _____ . 1 John 2:3-6
- C. Because _____ . 1 John 3:14; 4:7
- D. Because _____ . 1 John 3:24; 4:13
- E. Because _____ . 1 John 5:1

II. The Assurance of the Power of Prayer. 5:14-17

As believers we have confidence that God will answer our prayers, if we pray according to His will.

- A. The General Principle: _____ . 14-15
- B. The Specific Example: _____ . 16-17

III. The Assurance of the Presence of Christ. 5:18-21

Because of what we know about our relationship with God, we must guard ourselves from idols.

- A. The Christians’ Ability: We know that _____ . 18
- B. The Christians’ Identity: We know that _____ . 19
- C. The Christians’ Understanding: We know that _____ . 20
- D. The Christians’ Charge: As God’s little children, we must _____ . 21

Concluding Thoughts: What Can We Learn?

1. The Christian message concerns the claims that Christ made regarding Himself and was passed on by the apostles and centuries of Christ-followers down to today.
2. Faith, and faith alone, without human merit is the proper and only true response to the revelation of God’s mercies in and through Jesus Christ.
3. It is possible on several counts to know that we have entered into the life of God.
4. God desires us to firmly know and rejoice in the fact that we are securely under His protection and that He will bring all of His children into His presence.
5. John reminds us that we live in a world of false values perpetuated by twisted truths.
6. False teachers are going about with their false understandings of Christ and His accomplishments, and their pleasant words and promises entangle many.