

That You May Know

1 John 5:13–21 (CSB)

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1 John 5:13-21 **13** I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. **14** This is the confidence we have before him: If we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. **15** And if we know that he hears whatever we ask, we know that we have what we have asked of him. **16** If anyone sees a fellow believer committing a sin that doesn't lead to death, he should ask, and God will give life to him—to those who commit sin that doesn't lead to death. There is sin that leads to death. I am not saying he should pray about that. **17** All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin that doesn't lead to death. **18** We know that everyone who has been born of God does not sin, but the one who is born of God keeps him, and the evil one does not touch him. **19** We know that we are of God, and the whole world is under the sway of the evil one. **20** And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding so that we may know the true one. We are in the true one—that is, in his Son, Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. **21** Little children, guard yourselves from idols.

- **Purpose of John's writing** – 1 John 5:13

- **Confidence in prayer** – 1 John 5:14-15

John 14:13 Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

Matthew 7:7–8 ⁷“Ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Matthew 6:9–13

⁹“Therefore, you should pray like this: Our Father in heaven, your name be honored as holy.

¹⁰Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹Give us today our daily bread.

¹²And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

- **Confidence in forgiveness** – 1 John 5:16-17

- What is the Christian reaction to sin?

Matthew 18:15–20 ¹⁵“If your brother sins against you, go tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won your brother. ¹⁶But if he won't listen, take one or two others with you, so that **by the testimony of two or three witnesses every fact may be established.** ¹⁷If he doesn't pay attention to them, tell the church. If he doesn't pay attention even to the church, let him be like a Gentile and a tax collector to you. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will have been loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you on earth agree about any matter that you pray for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them.”

Galatians 6:1–2 ¹Brothers and sisters, if someone is overtaken in any wrongdoing, you who are spiritual, restore such a person with a gentle spirit, watching out for yourselves so that you also won't be tempted. ²Carry one another's burdens; in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

- **Confidence in obedience and belonging** – 1 John 5:18

Romans 8:12–17 ¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are not obligated to the flesh to live according to the flesh, ¹³because if you live according to the flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all those led by God’s Spirit are God’s sons. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear. Instead, you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself testifies together with our spirit that we are God’s children, ¹⁷and if children, also heirs—heirs of God and coheirs with Christ—if indeed we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

- **Confidence in the Identity of Christ** – 1 John 5:20

John 1:1–3 ¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³All things were created through him, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created.

John 1:14 The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We observed his glory, the glory as the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Revelation 21:1–7 ¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²I also saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband. ³Then I heard a loud voice from the throne: Look, God’s dwelling is with humanity, and he will live with them. They will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and will be their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; grief, crying, and pain will be no more, because the previous things have passed away. ⁵Then the one seated on the throne said, “Look, I am making everything new.” He also said, “Write, because these words are faithful and true.” ⁶Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will freely give to the thirsty from the spring of the water of life. ⁷The one who conquers will inherit these things, and I will be his God, and he will be my son.

Revelation 22:11–13 ¹¹Let the unrighteous go on in unrighteousness; let the filthy still be filthy; let the righteous go on in righteousness; let the holy still be holy.” ¹²“Look, I am coming soon, and my reward is with me to repay each person according to his work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

Revelation 22:20 He who testifies about these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

- **A Parting Command** – 1 John 5:21

Exodus 20:1–6 ¹Then God spoke all these words: ²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the place of slavery. ³Do not have other gods besides me. ⁴Do not make an idol for yourself, whether in the shape of anything in the heavens above or on the earth below or in the waters under the earth. ⁵Do not bow in worship to them, and do not serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, bringing the consequences of the fathers’ iniquity on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate me, ⁶but showing faithful love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commands.