



## **Lesson Eight – Prayer, Confidence, and KNOWING! (1 John 5:13-21)**

### **Let's Get Started**

- ⊕ In the past, what things have worried you, or threatened your confidence in your relationship to God?
- ⊕ What things in our culture tempt us away from fellowship with God? (Is there an easier question than *this*?!) What do we stand to gain if we refuse to follow the world?

### **Into the Text**

#### **⊕ The Reason for Writing – 13**

- \* Everything leads to this: you must \_\_\_\_\_! (see John 20:30-31)
- \* John is describing a full \_\_\_\_\_ of who Jesus is – no less.
- \* Over and over John has told us: you CAN \_\_\_\_\_!!
  - ...know you have \_\_\_\_\_, and;
  - ...know you can \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **⊕ Confident Prayer – 14-15**

- \* We should also know we can have \_\_\_\_\_ in our prayers.
  - This is John's \_\_\_\_\_ mention of "boldness."
  - 2:28, 3:21-22, and 4:17
- \* "...according to His will..."
  - In accordance with what He has \_\_\_\_\_ He is willing to grant.
  - What He sees is \_\_\_\_\_ for us.
  - What will be \_\_\_\_\_ for God to grant.

#### **⊕ ...For Whom? – 16-17**

- \* What makes this a difficult passage?
- \* This is clearly \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* John does not say " \_\_\_\_\_ " sin.
  - This is a \_\_\_\_\_ of sin – a \_\_\_\_\_ of sin.
  - It is a state which results in total \_\_\_\_\_ - not on God's part though!
  - The problem is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the unrepentant.
- \* John offers a warning: there are no \_\_\_\_\_ sins.

### ⊕ **In Conclusion...** - 18-21

- \* Again, no one born of God \_\_\_\_\_ in sin.
- \* Some say: "The Christian doesn't continue in sin because \_\_\_\_\_ keeps him."
  - That idea is definitely supported in Scripture!
  - But here, John says, "Christians must \_\_\_\_\_ themselves!" (see 21)
- \* We \_\_\_\_\_! This is so obviously the reminder of John's writing!
- \* Keep yourselves from anything that might \_\_\_\_\_ Christ!

### **Apply It**

- ⊕ How do we have confidence in God answering our prayers?
- ⊕ What DO we pray for when it comes to a believer who has lost their way?
- ⊕ Where have you gained confidence in this study of 1<sup>st</sup> John? Why is confidence such an important trait in Christians?