

Blessed Assurance
Five Real Things We Can Know
I John 5: 13 - 21

Review of I John

1. We have assurance of eternal life.

I John 5: 13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

I John 5: 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

John 10: 28 – 29 ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

2. We have the assurance that God answers prayer.

I John 5: 14 – 15 ¹⁴ And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

Hebrews 4: 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

3. We have the assurance of victory over sin.

I John 5:16 – 18 ¹⁶ If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God^[a] will give him life—to those who commit sins that do not lead to death. There is sin that leads to death; I do not say that one should pray for that. ¹⁷ All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that does not lead to death. ¹⁸ We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.

I John 3: 8 – 9 ⁸Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. ⁹No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God.

What is the sin unto death?

4. We have the assurance that we belong to God.

I John 5: 19 We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

5. We have the assurance that we can know what is true.

I John 5: 20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

Phillips translation of I John 5:20 We know that our real life is in the true one, and in his Son Jesus Christ. This the real God and this is real, eternal life.

6. I John 5: 21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

