

These Things Are Written || With Absolute Certainty

1 John 5:6-21

Reflect:

In this, our last lesson in 1John, John concludes with absolute certainty that we are saved. There is the witness and testimonial which gives our faith validation. When it comes to Salvation we are saved, for he who has the Son has life and with that, we can come to God confidently in prayer. If we ask anything according to His will, He hears, and if we know that he hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have... God hears it and God answers! Then finally John assures us that Satan can't touch or attach himself to you. Thus, we finish up this letter with absolute confidence and certainty. #1 - We are His. #2 - We can ask of Him and we can have of Him. #3 - We are protected from the forces of the enemy.

Discussion Questions:

1. Read 1John 5:9-12. I absolutely love these verses, John makes it real simple; as a Christian if you believe ANYTHING short of 'God gave us eternal life through Jesus and Jesus only' you are calling God a liar. But, if we believe this simple truth that God has given us, then we are a viable witness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the path to salvation to everyone. Can anyone think back to a time where you saw an opportunity to share Christ with someone, invite someone to church, pray with someone etc. but felt as if you weren't good enough witness for Christ? What zapped your confidence?
2. Hockey great Wayne Gretzky once said "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take". The same could be said for prayer - Prayer only fails when we don't pray! (Read 1John 5:14-15) According to these scriptures we are to pray in confidence, we can literally ask or talk to God about anything and everything. In knowing this truth, is an unanswered prayer a failed prayer? If God is sovereign and He will accomplish His will anyway, why should we pray at all? Try and answer on your own...but...there is a fantastic article by The Gospel Coalition called "Why Pray if God Has Already Decided Everything", it can possible help shed some light on this fairly deep question. Google it :)
3. Read 1John 5:16-17. John references two types of sin; sin that leads to physical death and sin that doesn't lead to physical death. Name some ways the sin can cause us physical death? God has appointed a time for all of us to die; but do you think God's appointed time involves us dying at the hands of our own sin? What about God taking a Christian to heaven prematurely, because God know that person is heading towards a backslidden potentially damning place in the future?