

“What Do We Know?”

I John 5:13-21

I. We know that we have eternal life

A. Eternal life is received through faith in Jesus

“The Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.” (John 3:15)

II. We know that God hears us when we pray

A. We can approach God with confidence

“Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.” (Hebrews 4:16)

B. We must ask according to God’s will

C. We will see prayer answered

III. We know that we can pray for those who have sinned

A. God desires to forgive and restore the sinner

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” (I John 1:9)

B. God allows people the freedom to refuse his forgiveness

IV. We know that children of God do not live lives of sin

A. Children of God are called to live holy lives

“My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin.” (I John 2:1)

B. Children of God can trust Jesus to keep them safe

C. Children of God can expect protection from the devil

“My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.” (John 17:15)

V. We know that we are God’s children

“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us; that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!” (I John 3:1)

A. The world lives under the control of the devil

B. As children of God we live under the control of God

VI. We know that Jesus came so we can know God

A. Jesus gives us the ability to understand the truth of God

“My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of Christ, in who are hidden all the treasure of wisdom and knowledge.” (Colossians 2:2-3)

B. Jesus gives us the opportunity to personally know God

“Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.” (John 17:3)

C. Jesus gives us the privilege to live in relationship with God

“On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.” (John 14:20)

VII. We know that we must avoid anything that would take God's place