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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it God, we ask in confidence that if we ask anything in Your name, according to Your will and in agreement with Your plan that You listen and You hear us. Give each of us peace. Led us and guide us. Give each of us wisdom. Give us the will to meditate on Your Word and give us Your understanding as we study. Bless us each one and keep us in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Scripture

I John 5 (2005)

I John 5:1-21 (KJV)

- ¹ Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.
- ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.
- ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.
- ⁴ For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even* our faith.
- ⁵ Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?
- ⁶ This is he that came by water and blood, *even* Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.
- ⁷ For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.
- ⁸ And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.
- ⁹ If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.
- ¹⁰ He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.
- ¹¹ And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.
- ¹² He that hath the Son hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.
- ¹³ These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.
- ¹⁴ And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:
- ¹⁵ And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.
- ¹⁶ If any man see his brother sin a sin *which is* not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.
- ¹⁷ All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.
- ¹⁸ We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.
- ¹⁹ *And* we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.
- ²⁰ And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, *even* in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.
- ²¹ Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

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1 John 5. The Assurance of Eternal Life

"Know" is one of the key words of this letter.

- "We know that we have come to know" God (2:3).
- "We know we are in him" (2:5).
- "We know that when he appears, we shall be like him" (3:2).
- "We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers" (3:14).
- "We know that we belong to the truth" (3:19).
- "We know that [God] lives in us" (3:24).
- "We know that we live in" God (4:13).
- "I write these things to you ... so that you may know that you have eternal life" (5:13).
- "We know that [God] hears us" (5:15).
- "We know that we are children of God" (5:19). Christians are discouraged because they do not feel sure that they are saved. Sometimes we hear it said that if we do not *know* that we are saved, it is a sign that we are not saved. But it is a mistake to identify assurance with salvation. A newborn babe scarcely knows it has been born, but it has. Assurance comes with growth. We believe it is possible for a Christian's faith to get stronger and stronger, until it reaches the full assurance of knowledge.

Eternal life (5:13) begins when a person becomes a Christian, and it never ends. It is a life of divine quality and endless duration. Assurance of this eternal life is the object of this letter.

The sin that leads to death (5:16) probably refers to the unpardonable sin spoken of by Jesus—blasphemy against the Holy Spirit (Matthew 12:31–32 ; see note on Hebrews 6:46).

(Halley Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; Zondervan; History of the Bible & Commentaries; page 888)



Praying According To God's Will: V1 We love God and should love all those who are begotten by Him. V4 The Bible tells about those who are overcomers of the world and about those who are overcome by the world. V6 John 3:5. V9 Man's witness is accepted in a court of law. A man can be convicted or exonerated on the testimony of witnesses. If the witness of man is accepted in a court as true, how much more ought we to accept the witness of God. VV11-12 God has given us the gift of eternal life through His Son. We cannot have the gift without accepting the Son. This is God's record. Any religious leaders who tell you that you can have eternal life without Jesus Christ is speaking against what God has said. VV 14-15 We receive the things we ask for that are according to God's will. We should not attempt to dictate to God and command that He give us what we ask for. Prayer doesn't change the mind of God as the purposes of God. The purpose of prayer is to get God's will done. V16 The "sin unto death" is the willful rejection of Jesus Christ. V18 "Sinneth not" means does not practice sin. The word "himself" isn't in this verse in the Greek. The word is "him." Since Greek doesn't have capital letters, the translators had to choose which ones to capitalize. I think the word "he" here refers to Jesus and should be capitalized, for Jesus protects us from Satan. V21 It's so easy to make idols of material things.

(New Testament Study Guide; 2005; Chuck Smith; commentaries; pages 182-183)



First John 5:14, 15 teaches us about prayer and God's will. The Word clearly spells out many things that are God's will for our lives. We know we can certainly ask for those things boldly without being concerned about whether or not they are within God's will. When dealing with daily situations in which we are unsure of God's perfect will, we should pray that His will is done and not ours. Many times I ask God for something in prayer, but if I do not have a specific Bible verse to back up my request, I tell the Lord, "This is what I think I want—at least, it seems to me that it would be good this way—but if I am wrong in what I am asking, Lord, please do not give it to me. Your will is what I want, not mine." When learning to pray God's will, it is important for us to consider God's timing. We can pray for something that is the will of God, but until His timing is right in our lives we will not see the physical manifestation of our answer. Remember: "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1, kjv). If you have the Word of God to back up your requests, stand in faith until you see the results. But remember that real faith causes us to enter the rest of God, so waiting on Him should be a pleasant experience, not one of frustration.

What comes to mind when you think of an idol? Often, people think of statues or figurines representing gods that other cultures worship. However, an idol is anything that you place more importance on or love more than God. It can be your career, money, sports, or a relationship. Do you have any idols in your life? Take time to evaluate your pursuits and priorities; make sure that God is your deepest love and highest priority.

Study Questions for 1 John:

1. We know that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. What is the exhortation in 1 John 1:9 to ensure fellowship with God?

2. We are not to love the world or the things that are in the world. What are those things? (See 1 John 2:16.)

3. We are comforted in knowing that if we keep God's commandments, we dwell in Him and He in us. What are His commands that we need to obey in 1 John 3:23?

4. How did God show His love toward us? (See 1 John 4:9 and John 3:16.)

5. John said that he wrote these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. Write out 1 John 5:12.

(Amplified Bible; The Everyday Life; 2005; Joyce Meyers; Scripture, commentaries, pages 2104 -2108)
(Word Search 9, Bible Software; (KJV) 2005; Bibles, dictionary, concordance, sermons, scripture)

Psa 119:105
Thy word [is] a lamp unto
my feet, and a light unto my path.



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