



**“Things We Can Know for Certain”**  
**1 John 5:13-15**  
**Perfect Love: The Book of 1 John**

**INTRODUCTION**

“Knowledge is a beautiful thing but there are a few things I wish I didn’t know.”

1 Corinthians 2:6 “Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love Him.”

Deuteronomy 29:29 “The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever....”

1 John 5:13-15 “These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.”

**I. We May Know for Certain We Have Eternal Life**

1 John 5:13 “These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.”

“...so that you may know (i.e., with certainty) that you have eternal life.”

**Eternal Security vs. Earthly Assurance of Salvation**

- Theological-speaking eternal security is the doctrine that when we have trusted in Jesus Christ alone for salvation, we have certainty the Savior is Our Savior and we have theological certainty we will be with the Lord in heaven for eternity.
- Practically-speaking, assurance of salvation means we derive inner peace and personal joy from the good news of eternal security in our lives

1 John 2:3-6 “By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. The one who says, “I have come to know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.”

Personal-Proof #1 - “I know in my heart and in my actions that I have come to know Christ.”

Personal-Proof #2 - “I strive to obey Christ in all I think, say and do.”

Personal-Proof #3 - “I do more than just talk about the value of obedience. I obey.”

Personal-Proof #4 - “I have real evidence that the love of God is growing inside of me.”

Personal-Proof #5 - “I know I am abiding in Christ and I want to be like Him.”

Romans 8:16 “The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God...”

Romans 8:38-39 “I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## II. We May Know for Certain God Hears and Answers Our Prayers.

1 John 5:14-15 "This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him."

In 1 John 4:17-21, we were reminded that perfect and confident love allows us to draw near to God....i.e., to speak openly with boldness and assurance

Hebrew 4:16 "Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need

John 14:13-14 "Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it."

### The Demanding Prayer That Doesn't Get Heard

"Whatever you ask..." (John 14:13)

"...ask Me anything..." (John 14:14)

vs.

### The Submissive Prayer That Does Get Heard

"Whatever you ask in my name..." (John 14:14)

"...if we ask anything according to His will..." (1 John 5:14)

- Proverbs 16:1-2 "The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord. All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight, but the Lord weighs the motives."
- Matthew 7:7 "Ask, and it will be given to you..."
- Matthew 21:22 And all things you ask in prayer, believing (i.e. trusting in His will), you will receive."
- Mark 11:24 "Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them (i.e. in accordance with God's will), and they will be *granted* you."
- John 15:7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."
- John 16:23-24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask the Father for anything in My name (i.e. according to my will), He will give it to you. Until now you have asked for nothing in My name (i.e. according to my will); ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be made full. e.g. Lord's Prayer "Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

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### **Praising, Repenting, Asking, Yielding, Entreating, Rejoicing**

- John 5:15 "And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him."
- Psalm 37:4 "Delight yourself in the Lord; and He will give you the desires of your heart."
- John 14:13 "Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son."
- Matthew 7:7-10 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!"

### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Are you aware of any who make false charges against who Jesus is and what He came to do?
2. What is the strongest evidence you hold on to regarding who Jesus is and what He came to do?
3. What is your personal response to the testimonies regarding who Jesus is and what He came to do?
4. What did you get most out of this message?