



Week 16 Study Guide

Read the text: 1 John 5:13-20

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. 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. 16 If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God 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. 19 We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. 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.

Study the Text

- John says “I have written *these things*...”. What are these things? How is this verse a good summary of John’s purpose in writing this letter of 1 John?
- What are the key words used in this passage that help us understand the main idea or themes that John is addressing here in this closing section?
- John uses the phrase “we know” 7 times. What does he say “we know”? How does this fit in the context of this letter?
- One of the things John says we know is that God hears and answers our prayers. How is prayer a reflection of the confidence we have in our relationship with God?
- What is John telling us to do in verses 16-17? What does John mean by a sin that leads to death? How does the context of this letter help us understand what John means by this?
- John speaks of us praying for other believers to experience victory over sin. How often do you pray for each other in this way? How can you make this more of a focus in your prayer life?

- What does it mean to pray according to God's will? How can we pray more according to God's will?
- How is this way of praying more about aligning our desires with God's and less about getting God to do what we want? How would this change the way you pray?
- Look at verse 20...how should this verse affect how we live as Christians (we are from God meaning we aren't from the world but we live in the world which is under the power of the evil one)?
- How has this letter painted a picture of the spiritual battle that we find ourselves? What dangers do we face (think about what John has said about the world, the evil one, false teaching, etc)?
- What does it mean that God protects us and that the evil one can't touch us? Consider what Jesus says in John 10:27-30.
- How does John reassert Jesus' divinity here? Why is this so important?
- What are some ways that you can apply this passage?
- We have one more week in this letter. As we prepare to wrap up the letter, what has God been teaching you?

Prayer: Spend some time praying for each other, especially that you would be victorious over sin in your lives.

Mission: Follow up from last week...did you talk to anyone about Jesus? What plans do you have to invite someone to church, talk to someone this week about Jesus, or initiate a conversation with a nonbeliever?