

## The Most Important Thing – 1 John 5

Icebreaker: If Jesus himself asked you (like in John 1:37-38) “What do you want?” How would you answer? In other words, what is the most important “thing” to you in life right now?

“I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.” (1 John 5:13) – As you digest this verse, does it help with your eternal security? Why or why not?

Paraphrase: “I have written about these THINGS so that you will be confident about the most important THING.” – Read through the next 5 things with their verses and see if there are any “things” in the list that keep you from a sense of security or, help you solidify a sense of security.

FIRST THING: Our NEED—an *acceptable* SACRIFICE

“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, ‘Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’” (Jn 1:29)

SECOND THING: Our response—BELIEVE

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me.” (Jn 14:1)

THIRD THING: Our ASSURANCE—The SPIRIT

“We know that we live in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.” (1Jn 4:13)

FOURTH THING: Our ACTION—LOVE

“And He has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.” (1Jn 4:21)

FIFTH THING: OUR Warning—Liars & Idols

“We know also 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 - even in His Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.” (1Jn 5:20-21)

How do any one of those 5 things play themselves out in your personal, daily Christian walk? Which one may still be confusing? Which are you certain about? What could you do in the coming days to help you understand better, for the sake of security, any one of the 5 things listed above?