

Sermon Outline

Looking Ahead:

Mar. 12 “Praying for Those in Need” (1 Jn. 5:16-17) – Pastor Phil Bubar

Mar. 19 “Possessing Certainty” (1 Jn. 5:18-21) – Pastor Corey Kugle

TEXT to connect (269-280-2878): Text **“welcome”** if you are new, or **“prayer”** if you would like prayer.

March 5, 2023

“Having Assurance”
Pastor Corey Kugle

1 John 5:13-15

Introduction

1. Assurance of eternal life (v. 13)

A. For those: “who believe in the name of the Son of God.”

i. Present, ongoing faith (Col. 1:23, Heb. 3:14)

B. The purpose of John’s letter: “so that”

C. The “tests” that distinguish true vs. false believers; provide assurance when present in one’s life

i. Doctrinal test (1 Jn. 2:22-23; 5:1)

ii. Love test (1 Jn. 4:7-8)

iii. Obedience test (1 Jn. 2:3-6)

D. Jesus gives eternal life to His “sheep” (Jn. 10:27-29)

E. No assurance for those who persistently live in sin (1 Cor. 6:9-10)

i. Confession and repentance can bring assurance though (1 Jn. 1:9, 2:1)

2. Assurance of answered prayer (v. 14-15)

A. Believers can have confidence (boldness) in approaching God in prayer

B. He hears and answers prayers that are in accord with God's will

i. Why Do Some Prayers Go Unanswered?

1. We ask wrongly (James 4:3)
2. We don't ask in faith (James 1:6-8)
3. We have unconfessed sin in our lives (Ps. 66:18)
4. A husband mistreats his wife (1 Pt. 3:7)

ii. The Bible and God's Will

1. Jesus taught about and sought to do God's will (Matt. 6:9-10, Mk. 14:36)
2. God's will will ultimately prevail (Eph. 1:11)
 - a. Yet our prayers matter, and are a means of carrying out God's will (Ex. 32, Is. 38)
3. God has revealed His will in His Word, yet certain things are known only by Him
 - a. Start with God's Word...This is the will of God:
 - i. Give thanks in all circumstances (1 Thess. 5:18)
 - ii. Be sanctified, avoid sexual immorality (1 Thess. 4:3)
 - iii. Do good and put to silence the ignorant talk of foolish people (1 Pt. 2:15)
 - iv. To suffer for the sake of Christ (1 Pt. 4:19)
 - b. Secret things belong to God (Deut. 29:29)
 - c. The role of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:26-27)

**Christians need to get off our own agenda and onto God's!