

THE AUTHENTIC LIFE

STAND OUT. BE FAITHFUL.



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Text: 1 John 5:13-21 NLT

Title: Unshakable

1 John 5:13 (NLT)

13 I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life.

Notes:

So that you may know that you have _____.

Romans 8:16 (NLT)

16 For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children.

1 John 5:14-17 (NLT)

14 And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him. 15 And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for. 16 If you see a Christian brother or sister sinning in a way that does not lead to death, you should pray, and God will give that person life. But there is a sin that leads to death, and I am not saying you should pray for those who commit it. 17 All wicked actions are sin, but not every sin leads to death.

Notes:

Be confident in _____

John 15:7 (NLT)

7 But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!

1 John 5:18-20a (NLT)

18 We know that God's children do not make a practice of sinning, for God's Son holds them securely, and the evil one cannot touch them. 19 We know that we are children of God and that the world around us is under the control of the evil one. 20 And we know that the Son of God has come, and he has given us understanding so that we can know the true God.

Notes:

Do not continue in _____

Ephesians 4:22-24 (NLT)

22 throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. 23 Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. 24 Put on your new nature, created to be like God--truly righteous and holy.

Notes:

1 John 5:20b-21 (NLT)

20b And now we live in fellowship with the true God because we live in fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ. He is the only true God, and he is eternal life. 21 Dear children, keep away from anything that might take God's place in your hearts.

Notes:

Keep yourself from _____

1 Corinthians 10:13-14 (NLT)

13 The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure. 14 So, my dear friends, flee from the worship of idols.

Application

1. Obtain _____
2. God Answers _____
3. Guard yourself from _____

Assurance. Certainty or confidence about one's beliefs or actions. The "assurance of hope" (Heb 6:11) and the "assurance of faith" (Heb 10:22; 11:1) are mentioned as qualities of wholeness that lead believers to responsible living. Paul spoke of an "assured understanding" of the gospel of Christ, which resulted in love in the community (Col 2:2), and of the "assured blessing" which was his in Christ (Rom 15:29).

A proper understanding of God's sovereignty should encourage repentant sinners and faltering believers to call upon God for salvation and to walk secure in his love. Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to me; and him who comes to me I will not cast out" (Jn 6:37).

Because God has planned and purposed our salvation, we may have assurance that he will accept and forgive those who trust him (Jn 3:16). Christ's sheep hear his voice and follow him; they will never perish or be snatched out of his hand, because "my Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all" (Jn 10:29).

Such an attitude of trust in God removes the presumptive pride of the person who trusts his own good works for salvation (Mt 7:21–23; 1 Cor 10:12; Heb 3:12), or the agonizing doubt of the believer who is sensitive to his own sinfulness. Because salvation is by grace (Eph 2:8), the doubting believer may claim the finished and sufficient work of Christ and thus rest secure that "he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil 1:6).

Jesus' presence in heaven as our advocate is another significant reason to encourage assurance, because "he ever lives to make intercession on our behalf" (Rom 8:34; 1 Jn 2:2), so that "he is able for all time to save those who draw near to God through him" (Heb 7:25).

Another ground of assurance is the presence of the Holy Spirit in believers. In Romans 8:23 the Spirit is called the "first fruits"—the initial promise and pledge of a greater harvest to follow. As the Spirit produces the fruit of love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance (Gal 5:22) in the lives of believers—characteristics that are not a person's attributes by nature—the Christian may know, as John says, "that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his own Spirit" (1 Jn 4:13).

Assurance is provided not only to those who call upon God for salvation, but to those who have doubts in their Christian experience. First Peter 1:3–5 speaks of Christians who have "been born anew to a living hope" through Christ, who are guarded by God's power through faith for salvation. In Romans 8, Paul presents an extensive argument to assure believers. Since God "did not spare his own son but gave him up for us all, will he not also

give us all things with him?” Since it is God who justifies, who is to condemn? Paul concludes that in spite of tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, or sword, “we are more than conquerors through him who loved us ... [for nothing] will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom 8:31–39).¹

¹ Walter A. Elwell and Barry J. Beitzel, [“Assurance,”](#) in *Baker Encyclopedia of the Bible* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1988), 219.