

The Confidence Of Fellowship

1 John 5:13-21
Fellowship With God, Part 10
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REVISITING 1 John 5:6-8: What are the three that witness/testify of Christ?

1) The use of three witnesses FULFILLS THE LAW. (Deuteronomy 17:6, 19:15, John 8:17-18)

2) The three witnesses (the Spirit, the water, the blood) declare Jesus' FULL DEITY.

This confronted the false teaching of the Gnostics in the church that Jesus was born as just a man until His baptism, when "Christ" descended on Him then and left Him before His crucifixion, denying His deity but acknowledging partnership with deity.

The Spirit is the HOLY SPIRIT who always testified of Jesus' deity. (John 1:32-34)

Water refers to Jesus' BAPTISM where the Father affirms His deity. (Matt. 3:13-17)

Blood refers to Jesus' DEATH affirming His deity through perfect substitution.

John Ends This Letter With Four Things A Christian Can Be Confident In

I) CONFIDENCE THAT WE HAVE ETERNAL LIFE NOW. (1 John 5:13)

***"Eternal" speaks of the QUANTITY and "life" speaks of the QUALITY.**

II) CONFIDENCE THAT GOD HEARS ALL OUR PRAYERS. (1 John 5:14-15)

1) God always HEARS a Christian's prayers, not always the prayers of others.

(Job 27:9, Psalm 66:18, John 9:31)

2) When we pray according to God's will, He always ANSWERS us.

III) CONFIDENCE THAT CERTAIN SIN LEADS TO DEATH. (1 John 5:16-17)

***Big question: Is this death physical or spiritual? Most likely it is PHYSICAL.**

(Acts 5:1-11, 1 Corinthians 5:1-5, 11:30)

IV) CONFIDENCE THAT WE HAVE VICTORY OVER SIN & SATAN.(1 John 5:18-21)

1) We know Jesus keeps us safe from Satan's ETERNAL HARM. (v.18)

2) We know we will remain in Jesus, even if Satan "CONTROLS" THE WORLD. (v.19)

3) We know Jesus gives true understanding of WHO HE REALLY IS. (v.20)

I John: Fellowship with God

The Foundations of Fellowship		The Functions of Fellowship	
The Conditions of Fellowship	The Cautions of Fellowship	The Character of Fellowship	The Confidence of Fellowship
How to Know You Have Fellowship: Joy Walking in the Light Forgiveness	What to Avoid to Have Fellowship: Worldliness Antichrists Walking Away	What True Fellowship Looks Like: Righteousness Love Discernment	What True Fellowship Does: Overcomes Assures Secures
1:1–2:14	2:15–2:27	2:28–4:21	5:1–5:21

God is Life Light Love

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