

Open It!

Watch the YouTube video “Bo Knows Sesame Street” to discover what Bo Knows (<https://youtu.be/0xY0hD-IhPc>). What Does Bo Know? Share a time when you experienced going up and down.

Read It!

Read 1 John 5:13-21

Consider It!

What does John want his readers to know?

What has John taught us about knowing eternal life?
(John 3:16; 17:3; 1 John 1:2; 2:25; 3:15; 5:11, 13, 20)

How can we be assured that our prayers are answered (3:21-22; 5:14-15)?

For whom does John encourage us to pray and why (5:16-17)?

What does God promise those who are born of God (5:18-19)?

How do we know we are children of God and not of this world (3:1-2, 10; 5:2, 19)?

Who is Jesus Christ and what has He done for us (5:20)?

What idols, substitutes for God do we need to guard against (5:21)?

Which of these things do you know with full assurance of faith?

Live It!

Believe! What does this passage teach you to believe?

Trust! What does this passage promise that you need to trust?

Obey! What does this passage require of you?

Unleashing the Love of God

What Do You Know

1 John 5:13-21

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Sermon Question

What do you know?

God wants you to know that you have eternal life.

*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.*

1 John 5:13 (ESV)

God wants you to know that He hears and answers prayer.

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

1 John 5:14-15 (ESV)

Specific Application

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.

1 John 5:16-17 (ESV)

God wants you to know Jesus Christ, the true Son of God.

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 by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

1 John 5:20 (ESV)

God wants you to know that you are born of God.

We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the One who was born of God keeps them safe, and the evil one cannot harm them. ¹⁹ We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.

1 John 5:18-19 (ESV)

Specific Application

Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

1 John 5:13–21 (ESV)

Prayer

Heavenly Father, God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give me your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, wisdom, and revelation, so that I may know Jesus better. Open the eyes of my heart to see and understand the fullness of eternal life, the assurance of answered prayer, the hope to which you have called me, your love for all people including the most difficult, and your incomparably great power in me setting me free from sin to walk in newness of life. In the name of Jesus my Lord and Savior, Amen.

(1 John 5:13-21; Ephesians 1:17–19; Romans 6:1-11)