



So That You May Know Letters from John // Week 4 Pastor Zach Brown

Overview

This series on 1 John has challenged us in such a good way! This Sunday, we walked through our final week in the series on the topic of salvation. How do we really know if we are saved? John tells us there is a way to have certainty about our eternity and to experience an intimate, personal relationship with God. Rather than living with doubt or relying on our feelings, we can find confidence in the promises of God and the work He has done in our lives.

Opening Conversation

When was the last time you were 100% sure you were driving in the right direction, but somehow you ended up lost?

Scripture & Discussion

Read 1 John 5:13 (NLT)

- The word “know” means settled, certain or completed.
- How does being **certain** of your salvation impact the way you live today?
- Describe how you view eternity? Does it make you excited?
- **Supporting Scripture:** John 10:27-29, John 5:24

Read 1 John 5:18-19 (NLT)

- Again, the word “know” means settled, certain, or completed.
- How can we identify the “practice of sinning” in our own lives? What are some general steps we can take to change?
- What characteristics should distinguish a child of God from the world around them?
- **Supporting Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 5:17, John 17:15, Romans 12:2

Read 1 John 5:20 (NLT)

- The first use of “know” refers to certainty and confidence. The second refers to intimate, relational knowledge. Through Jesus, we can be certain of who God is and experience a personal relationship with Him.
- What does it mean to truly know God rather than simply know about Him? How is our fellowship with God different when we **know** Him?
- How does Jesus help us understand who God is?
- **Supporting Scripture:** John 17:3, Colossians 2:2-3

Reflection + Application

- Looking back over our study of 1 John, what is one truth God has taught you that you want to continue applying after this series ends?
- Sometimes our relationship with Jesus is a list of dos and don'ts rather than a relationship. This week, intentionally spend time connecting with God and inviting the Holy Spirit into your day. Listed below are just a few ideas to get started.
 - Quiet time – open your Bible, sit in his presence, journal
 - Prayer – sit with God, share your heart, listen to His response, soak up his peace
 - Take a prayer walk
 - What are some of your favorite ways to connect with God?

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Your Son to die for our sins, to be buried, and to rise again in victory. Through faith in Jesus, we can know that we have eternal life and enjoy a deep, personal relationship with You. Lord, continue to transform our hearts and desires so that the evidence of our salvation is seen in the way we live and love others. Help us to be a light to those around us and to honor You with our words and actions. Keep our hearts open to Your leading and make us more like Jesus each day. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Upcoming Events:

- June 16 – XCO Night at Johnson's Ice Cream, Canal Winchester
- June 28 – XO Week Sign-ups Kickoff

Resources:

- To request prayer: <https://thexchurch.churchcenter.com/people/forms/13150>
- To meet with a Pastor: <https://thexchurch.churchcenter.com/people/forms/534644>
- Financial Assistance, Sobriety Resources, grief support, and more: <https://thex.church/care/>

X Church Podcast: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8rUS49luWYwojA6eKIA_VuAO592ZYQgd