

FEELINGS OR FACTS

SO YOU MAY KNOW MESSAGE SERIES WEEK 9

1 John 5:11-21

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In a world full of competing voices and mixed messages...

- 1. Stand on the truth: Whoever has Jesus has eternal life.**
(1 John 5:11-13)

Verses to memorize if you doubt your salvation:

- 1 John 5:11-13
- Romans 10:9
- Ephesians 2:8-9

- 2. Stand on the truth: God hears our prayers and responds according to His will.** (1 John 5:14-17)

“Prayer is the key that unlocks all the storehouses of God’s infinite grace and power. All that God is and all that God has is at the disposal of prayer. But we must use the key. Prayer can do anything that God can do and since God can do anything, prayer is omnipotent.” (R. A. Torrey, *The Power of Prayer*, 17)

Daniel L. Akin, *Christ-Centered Exposition: 1, 2, & 3 John*, B&H Publishing Group, Nashville, TN, 2004, p. 142.

“The emphasis here is on God’s will, not our will. When we communicate with God, we don’t demand what we want; rather we discuss with him what *he* wants for us. If we align our prayers to his will, he will listen; and we can be certain that if he listens, he will give us a definite answer. Start praying with confidence!”

Life Application Study Bible, NIV, Tyndale House Publishers and Zondervan, Grand Rapids, MI, 1991, p. 2283.

3. Stand on the truth: Everyone born of God does not live a life of sin. (1 John 5:18)

“The new birth results in new behavior. Sin and the child of God are incompatible. They may occasionally meet; they cannot live together in harmony.”

John R. W. Stott, *Tyndale New Testament Commentaries: The Epistles of John*, The Tyndale Press, Grand Rapids, MI, 1974, p. 192.

4. Stand on the truth: Children of God have protection from God. (1 John 5:18-19)

“Satan may grab at us and tempt us through doubt, friends who fall away, idols, fleshly enticements, and worldly allurements, but because of the power of Christ he cannot get us. There again is a beautiful logic to this verse. The Devil does not touch the Christian and harm him in any ultimate sense because he is protected by the Son.”

Daniel L. Akin, *Christ-Centered Exposition: 1, 2, & 3 John*, B&H Publishing Group, Nashville, TN, 2004, p. 146.

5. Stand on the truth: Jesus is the one true God. (1 John 5:20-21)

Discussion Question:

Which of these five truths is most critical for you to “stand on” and why?