



1 JOHN ABIDING IN JESUS CHRIST

Lesson Twelve: That We May Know

1 John 5:13-21

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¹³ 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. ¹⁴ And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

¹⁶ If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God^[a] 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.

¹⁸ We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.

¹⁹ We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

²⁰ And we know 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, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. ²¹ Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why did John write 1 John and the Gospel of John? (See 1 John 5:13, John 20:31) Do you read the Bible with this goal in mind? Why or why not?
2. What does the practice of prayer look like in your life? What gives us confidence that God hears our prayers?
3. What does it mean to be born of God? How does our identity in Christ change the way we battle sin and live in the world?
4. How do you know that Jesus is true? Why does this truth matter to you? Why does this truth matter to our world?
5. Read 1 John 5:21. Why do you think John chose to end his letter with this command? How does abiding in Christ keep us from idols?