

Questions for Discussion and Application

1. Reflect back on our series through the book of 1 John.
 - How would you summarize the book of 1 John in one word or phrase?
 - Has there been a particular sermon, passage, or community group discussion that has left an impression on you?
 - How have you drawn closer to God through our study of 1 John?
2. Reflect on your community group experience.
 - What is the role of community (ie, fellowship with one another) in drawing closer to God?
 - What blessings/encouragement have you experienced by being a part of your community group?
 - What step(s) will you take to be involved in Christ-centered community in the weeks and months to come?

Drawing Closer: Fostering Fellowship with the Father (A Study of 1 John)

“No Doubt”

1 John 5:13-21

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1. **THE ASSURANCE OF ETERNAL LIFE (5:13)**

1 John 5:13 (NASB95)

*¹³ These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, **so that you may know that you have eternal life.***

Why the need for reassurance?

- a. Affliction
- b. Failure
- c. Forgettable experiences in the church
- d. Foe (Satan)

2. THE RESULTS OF ASSURANCE

a. Confident prayer

- General prayer (in all circumstances)

¹⁴This is the **confidence** which we have before Him, that, **if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.** ¹⁵And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.

- Specific prayer (for a sinning brother or sister)

¹⁶If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask and God will for him give life to those who commit sin not leading to death. There is a sin leading to death; I do not say that he should make request for this. ¹⁷All unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin not leading to death.

b. Confident living

- Protection

¹⁸**We know** that no one who is born of God sins; but He who was born of God keeps him, and **the evil one does not touch him.**

- Position

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

- Possession

²⁰And **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. This is the true God and eternal life.

A final exhortation:

²¹Little children, **guard yourselves from idols.**