



Community of Hope Church
Community Group Bible Study

1 John

Sept. 2020-Jan. 2021

Lesson #13: Week of January 17, 2021

1 John 5:13-21: Knowing That We Know

Read this passage aloud. What are you hearing in these verses? What words are repeated?

Open It

1. What might make someone afraid to ask another person for something?
2. What sort of things do people today pin their hopes on?

Explore It

3. Why did John write this letter? ([5:13](#))
4. What confidence can believers have? ([5:14-15](#))
5. About what type of sin did John say his readers should pray? ([5:16](#))
6. What is sin? ([5:17](#))
7. What does the person born of God stop doing? ([5:18](#))
8. What sort of protection do Christians enjoy? ([5:18](#))
9. Under whose control is the whole world? ([5:19](#))
10. What has the Son of God done, and what has He given? ([5:20](#))
11. Who is Jesus Christ? ([5:20](#))
12. What was the last instruction John left with his readers? ([5:21](#))

Get It

13. How can we be confident that we have eternal life?
14. When is it hard for you to approach God with confidence?
15. How can we know whether something is according to God's will?
16. In what way can sin lead to death?
17. To what sort of death might sin lead?
18. In what way has sin led to death in your life?
19. What type of sin does not lead to death?
20. By what modern "idols" are you tempted?
21. About what issue do you need to approach God more confidently?

Apply It/Discussion Questions:

22. Does my prayer life reflect my assurance of God's forgiveness and acceptance? What are some key verses in 1 John that give you this assurance?
23. Who in my life can I be praying for, that the Lord would give them life?
24. Which "idols" or "false saviors" tend to trip me up the most? What truths do I need to remember? What specific step can I take this week to place more confidence in God and less in the idols of this world?
25. How can experiencing the power of the Gospel and the presence of God give me greater confidence, hope, and joy?

From Koko Reyes: 1 John Conclusion

In our 1 John series we enjoyed the loving and intimate expressions John used to communicate God's love to his church. We explored what it is, to know God, identify untruths about God, understand that our salvation is through Jesus Christ alone, how to avoid sin and love all of God's children. These are the beautiful and essential things we need all of our church family members to understand clearly. The clear understanding of these things is the ground on which stands maturity in faith. New Christians are often called "baby Christians". "Frankly, it's not about the length of time a person has been a Christian that defines their being a "baby" or not, but rather their maturity. And in the same way a child's food changes as they grow, so does the spiritual food a Christian eats as they grow in the faith. Baby Christians are told to long for spiritual milk. Peter tells us,

"As newborn babies, desire the pure milk of the word, that by it you may grow, if it is true that you have experienced that the Lord is good." (1 Peter 2:2-3)

Based on what Peter said, the "pure milk of the Word" is what is best for new Christians (and foundational for all). These are meant to make one grow in the faith. These are "the first principles of the oracles of God" (see Hebrews 5:12) or the "elementary principles of the doctrine of Christ" (Hebrews 6:1). "But solid food belongs to those who are mature, for those who through practice have powers of discernment that are trained to distinguish good from evil." (Hebrews 5:14)" J.B. Cachila 5/18/2017 CP Living