

## **LIVING WITH CONFIDENCE BEFORE GOD (1 John 5:13-21)**

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**TEXT—1 John 5:13-21**

**MAIN IDEA—**We as Christians can live with confidence before God by living a life of faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ.

**MEMORY VERSE—Heb. 4:16**

**CONFIDENCE BEFORE GOD IN PRAYER (1 Jn. 5:14-17)—** God has ordained the privilege of prayer as a primary way for Christians to grow in trusting and fellowshiping with Him, as well as participating in God's will and kingdom purposes in the earth. **Read V14.** \*Confidence before God in prayer comes from learning to pray according to God's will (**V14**).

**Jn. 15:7-8; Matt. 6:11-10**

**John R.W. Stott (1921-2011)--*What confidence we can have! This should be a great stimulus in our personal***

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***lives to find out God's will, to build on the commands and promises of his Word in our prayers, to talk every situation through with Him, and to submit all our thinking, planning and deciding to God. Answers to prayer do not depend on right diagnosis or analysis of the problem by us as we pray, but on a childlike submission to the Father, knowing that he will give what is best according to his will.***

**Lk. 22:42**

\*John encourages all believers to pray according to God's will by offering intercessory prayers on behalf of others. He teaches that we can pray with confidence for our fellow brother or sister in Christ who has sinned or is apparently struggling with a besetting sin, knowing that God will give them life **(See V16-17)**.

**Jas. 5:13-16**

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**CONFIDENCE BEFORE GOD IN LIFE (1 Jn. 5:18-20)**—God enjoys His people confidently seeking Him through prayer and He also calls us to live all of life centered in Christ. This leads to assurance that we are His children and that we really do love Him.

Certainty #1--The person who is truly born of God does not practice living in sin **(V18)**.

**Jn. 10:27-28; Lk. 22:31-32**

Child of God, are you practicing righteous living?

Certainty #2--Christians belong to God **(V19)**.

**1 Jn. 3:10**

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Certainty #3--The Son of God has come and has given us knowledge of the true God **(V20)**.

**1 Jn. 5:11-12**

**Do you have this life in you? Are you enjoying abundant life in Christ?**

**ONE FINAL KEY TO CONFIDENCE (1 Jn. 5:21)**—Guard your heart against idolatry. Specifically, John is warning us to guard ourselves against false teachings (i.e. any teaching that deviates from scripture or denies Jesus Christ is God's Son who has come in the flesh).

**1 Jn. 2:17; 1 Cor. 10:31**