

Flag Branch Missionary Baptist Church
Baptist Training Union

1st, 2nd and 3rd John
How Should A Christian Live

Study 11 – Confident Compassionate Prayer, Knowledge and Truth: – 1 John 5:13–21

13. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, [e]and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

14. Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

15. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

16. If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin which does not lead to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not leading to death. There is sin leading to death. I do not say that he should pray about that.

17. All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death.

18. We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps[f] [g]himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.

19. We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.

20. And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, 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.

21. Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

e 1 John 5:13 NU omits the rest of v. 13

f. 1 John 5:18 *guards*

g. 1 John 5:18 NU *him*

Discussion

- A. Who does John say he is writing to? Discuss what it means “to believe in the name of the Son of God”. In what way or manner do we know we have eternal life? v. 13
- B. Why or what reason should anyone be “confident” or “sure” that God hears their prayer? How can we know if and when we are asking something in accordance to God’s will? v. 14
- C. When, if ever, do we fail to get what we ask for from God? Can you describe an occasion you believed you asked according to God’s will but didn’t receive your request? v.15.
- D. What or Which sin is John referring to that a brother or sister commits that leads to death? Since all sin is deadly, what is so different about this sin that John tells us not to pray for our brother or sister if they commit it? v. 16.
- E. How would you define or describe unrighteousness? When, how and why does sin not lead to death? Can you give some examples from the bible? v. 17.
- F. What does it mean to be “born” or “begotten” of God? Explain what John means by “continue to sin (*unto death*)”? By whom and how are the “born” or “begotten” of God kept? What are the evil one’s “touches” referring to? v. 18.
- G. Who are the “we” John says are “of God”? What distinguishes those “of God” from everyone else? Explain “the whole world lies in the evil”. v. 19.
- H. Why did the Son of God come and what has He given? Who does John say “we” are in? What else does John say? v. 20
- I. What is John’s final plea? What does he mean and why is it important? v. 21