



“Eternal Life”
Enjoying “Know So” Faith
I John 5:13-15

Eternal life is enjoyed by:

I. Believing - “unto you that believe” (v. 13)

Assurance for those who:

A. Rely - “on the name of the Son of God ”

B. Reckon - “that ye may know that ye have”

C. Realize - “have eternal life”

II. Bending - “according to His will” (v. 14)

Access to God is:

A. Palatable - “confidence we have in Him”

Revelation 5:8 – sweet aroma of prayer; Psalm 141:2

B. Personal - “If we ask any thing”

C. Powerful - “He heareth us ”

III. Benefiting - “that we desired of Him” (v. 15)

Assistance through:

A. Stipulation – “if we know that He hears us ”

B. Supplication – “whatsoever we ask”

C. Substitution – “we know that we have the petitions”

Romans 8:26 – We don't know what to say in prayer but the Holy Spirit does

Sentence Sermon:

“Assurance of eternal life is only as strong as our knowledge of the holy.”

Additional Verses

- *I John 2:26*
- *John 20:31*
- *I John 2:3*
- *I John 3:23*
- *John 2:23*
- *James 4:3; 13-16*
- *Matthew 20:20, 22*
- *John 16:24, 26*
- *I Peter 4:19; Galatians 1:4; Ephesians 1:5*
- *Hebrews 5:7*
- *I Thessalonians 3:8*
- *Acts 8:31*
- *Luke 23:24; Philippians 4:6*
- *Mark 11:24*
- *John 10:28-29*
- *Romans 8:26*
- *Mark 14:36*

Questions to Ponder:

1. What are the key words in this passage?
2. How important is the name of Jesus? Why do you say that?
3. What are the alternatives to believing in the name of Jesus?
4. Why do you think John omits Jesus name in this passage?
5. What is meant by having confidence “in Him?”
6. Is there any qualification to the “anything” in verse 14?
7. What does it mean when it says “He hears us?”
8. How would you describe this “confidence we have in Him?”

9. What does it mean to ask anything according to His will?

10. What is the relationship between what we ask and what we desire? How does Romans 8:26 inform this relationship?

INTRO:

In the last 9 verses of the letter, the word know is used 7 times...

I John gives us at least 22 things we can know:

1. We can know that we know God (2:3, 13, 14; 4:7)
2. We can know that we are in God (2:5)
3. We can know that it is the last hour (2:18)
4. We can know the truth (2:21; 3:19)
5. We can know that Jesus is righteous (2:29)
6. We can know that we will be like Jesus (3:2)
7. We can know Jesus came to take away sins (3:5)
8. We can know the Jesus is sinless (3:5)
9. We can know that we passed from death unto life (3:14)
10. We can know no murderer has eternal life abiding in him (3:15)
11. We can know love (3:16; 4:16)
12. We can know that God abides in us (3:24; 4:13)
13. We can know the Spirit of God (4:2)
14. We can know the Spirit of Truth from the the spirit of error (4:6)
15. We can know that we love God's children (5:2)
16. We can know that we have eternal life (5:13)
17. We can know that God answers prayer (5:15)
18. We can know that we will not continue in a sinful lifestyle (5:18)
19. We can know that we belong to God (5:19)
20. We can know that the Son of God has come (5:20)
21. We can know that the Son of God has given us understanding (5:20)
22. We can know Him who is true (5:20)

THIS VERSE (13) IS THE FOCAL POINT OF THE LETTER.... cp. 1:4; 2:1; 2:12-13; 2:21; 2:26; LITERALLY:

v. 13 - These things have I written that you may know that you have eternal life, unto you who believe in the name of the Son of God.

One author sums up the letter stating that John is declaring, *“I am writing because you are true believers, but there are deceivers in your midst, and I want you to be rock-solid confident in your present possession of eternal life as regenerate children of God, so that you are not drawn away after sin.”*

v. 13.

- These things have I written = “egrapsa” last time we found this is in 2:26....talking about what was written up to that point....now again used to talk about what is written up to this point, specifically the last 12 or so verses.
- Unto you = the believers, the brethren
- that believe on = to believe “eis” in ...same as v.10
- the name = yes the name “nomos” speaks of the person's identity and essence....like John 2:23..

Uses “name” three (3) times in I John

> I John 2:12; 3:23 ---- what is the nameJesus !!

> I John 2:12 – ties the forgiveness of sins with His name's sake !!

> Acts 4:12 – Neither is there salvation in any other, there is No other name given under heaven and among men whereby we must be saved.

- of the Son of God = the essence of Jesus is the same as that of God the Father....Yes, believing that Jesus is God !!
- that ye may know = purpose clause...why did John write these verses?? because he wants those who believe in Jesus as God's Son the Messiah will KNOW they have eternal life.

1. Not a flippant superficiality but settled intuitive knowledge (Robertson's Word Pictures)
 2. "oida" = to be aware, understand, know
- That ye have eternal life = have is the idea of possess not just desire or hope for but actually have in your possession.

V. 14

- And this =
- is the confidence = "parressia" boldness of speech, openness (I John 2:28; 3:21; 4:17)
 - Hebrews 4:16 – come boldly before the throne of grace
- that we have in Him = "pros auton" towards Him
 - pros ton theon (John 1:1 and **I John 3:21**)
 - **Speaks of our status before God**
- that if we = 3rd class conditional ...likely to happen that we will ask for something
- ask anything = whatever we might ask for ourself, personal interest...compare to **James 4:3**
- according to his will = within the confines of His expressed or unrevealed will. James 4:13-16

Adds a 3rd requirement giving us

(SLIDE) 3 Requirements for Answered Prayer

1. Keep His Commands
2. Do things that please Him
 - Special attention men to I Peter 3:7
3. Ask according to His will
 - **As Jesus** did in Mark 14:36...

- **"No** request is beyond the power of God except that which lies beyond His will, purpose, or plan."
- **"God** wants to give you what you want God to give you if you were wise enough to want it."

Romans 8:26

- He hears us = God gives us His attention...listens

v. 15.

- And if we know = **1st class** conditional....assumed as true
- that He hears us = God listening to our petitions because we are seeking not only our pleasure but His glory and will.
- Whatsoever we ask = indefinite relative clause....anything that we ask for ourselves
- we know = "confidence of possession by anticipation" A. T. Robertson's Word Pictures
- that we have the = we have the answer already
- petitions = requests
- that we desired = not necessarily what we are asking of Him
- of Him = from God

Prayer is not where we twist God's arm to do what we want but where God twists our arm for His will.

Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance. It is laying hold of His willingness. George Mueller

John says I write these things to you

1:4 – that your Joy be complete

2:1- that you may not sin

2:12-13 – to give hope to believers

2:21 – to confirm you in the truth

2:26 – to identify false teaching

5:13 – to give assurance of salvation