

Sunday, September 18, 2022

Sermon Series: *Walk in God's Light - Live in God's Love*

Sermon Title: "Confident in Your Assurance"

Text: 1 John 5:13-19

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Big Idea: John declares that true belief in Jesus as Lord is the foundation of our confidence for eternal life, a fulfilling prayer life, and even over the dread of sin.

Specifically, in what can believers have confidence?

1) We can have confidence in eternal life.

(1 John 5:13 / John 17:3 / 2 Corinthians 3:18)

2) We can have confidence in prayer.

(1 John 5:14-15 / 2 Chronicles 16:9)

3) We can have confidence in the Body of Christ.

(1 John 5:16-19 / 1 John 2:19 / John 4:9-11)

In God's plan, Jesus' righteous sacrifice should motivate God's committed people to a unified harvest of hope and purpose.

Study and Discussion Questions for 1 John 5:

- 1) Next time you get the mail, take a pen and write the "one-word" purpose for why some of those letters were sent. For what purpose did Apostle John send this letter to believers in Asia?
- 2) How does it specifically affect your everyday earthly life as a believer when you KNOW that you already have eternal life? How should it affect every believer generally?
- 3) In what ways has your growing walk with God through the years also been reflected in how your prayer life has changed? What could a believer do to develop a maturing prayer life?
- 4) John declares we should pray for sinning believers. How can we do that without becoming judgmental? Why is it easier to pray for physically sick believers than spiritually sick ones?
- 5) What might be an important sacrifice for you to make in order to advance the good news of God's plan of salvation to defeat sin?