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**An Authentic Believer:**

**Knows They Have Eternal Life**

* judgment?
* sin?
* reject Christ?

1 John 5:13-21

I have written this **to you who believe** in the name of the Son of God, so **that you may know** you have eternal life. 14  And **we are** **confident that he hears** us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him. 15  And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for. 16  If you see a Christian brother or sister sinning in a way that does not lead to death, you should pray, and God will give that person life. But there is a sin that leads to death, and I am not saying you should pray for those who commit it. 17  All wicked actions are sin, but not every sin leads to death. 18  We know that God’s children do not make a practice of sinning, for God’s Son holds them securely, and the evil one cannot touch them. 19  We know that we are children of God and that the world around us is under the control of the evil one. 20  And we know that the Son of God has come, and **he has given us understanding** so that we can know the true God. And now we live in fellowship with the true God because we live in fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ. He is the only true God, and he is eternal life. 21  Dear children, **keep away from anything that might take God’s place in your hearts**.

What The Bible Says

## 1. That you may \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

13 I have written this **to you who believe** in the name of the Son of God, so **that you may know** you have eternal life.

Jesus is LIFE

John 14:6 (ESV)

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

And Eternal life is knowing Him

John 17:3 (ESV)   
3  And this is eternal life, **that they know you** the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

A. The objective basis of our salvation is the finished work of God's Son on the cross.

B. The subjective basis for our assurance is

* our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the truth about Christ (I John 2:2,4; 2:15; 5:1),
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the brethren (I John 3:14, 18, 19, 4:7-8),
* and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Christ's commandments (I John 2:3-5).

## 2. We are confident that He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us

14  And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him.

* pray in line with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will
* pray with confidence and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

## 3. He has given us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

20  And we know that the Son of God has come, and he has given us understanding so that we can know the true God.

Application

## 1. Don’t let \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ take God’s place

21  Dear children, keep away from anything that might take God’s place in your hearts.

*An idol can be anything that substitutes for the true faith, anything that robs Christ of his full deity and humanity, any human idea that claims to be more authoritative than the Bible, any loyalty that replaces God at the center of our lives. John was bluntly saying that to follow the false teachers would amount to turning away from God and to idols.*

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**A. The “disses”**

**B. False Teaching**

**C. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**D. It could be anything that we think about more than** **our relationship with God.**

Response:

What is God speaking to me?

Specifically, how will I obey Him?