

1 John 5:18-21
"Evidence of Believer's
Assurance/Knowledge"

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1. Introduction

- a. Three phrases: "we know" 3 times
- b. Book of assurance - "you know"
 - 1 Jn 5:13 Assurance, dependability
 - God does want Christian doubting or not knowing about His love

2. God's Word of Assurance (vs 18)

- a. Assurance protects property
- b. Assurance: God protects Christian
- c. We know that Christian is child of God
 - once for all 1 Jn ~~3:2~~ 3:2
 - not repeated
 - not lost
- d. Christian new birth not living in life of sin
 - 1 Jn 3:9 born of God
 - Prodigal Son = returned to his father (Lk 15:17-18)
 - Christian does not continually live in sin
 - evidence of salvation = conviction of sin by Holy Spirit
- e. Christian guarded by Christ
 - reference of Christ keeps/guards Christian
 - Wicked One (satan) cannot touch Christian
 - Jude 1:24 Him who is able to keep Christian from stumbling & preserve them forever
- f. Protected from enemy
 - 1 Pet 5:8 the Devil, Christian's ~~advers~~ adversary prowls around to destroy

3. God's Word of Inclusion (vs 19)

- a. We know who we belong to
 - Christian is of God - adopted children of God
 - * born again
 - * 1 Jn 3:1 what manner of love God gave Christian - called children of God

36. But the whole world is different:
under rulership of the Wicked One
- Wicked one is the Devil/Satan
 - Satan's Kingdom of darkness
 - Satan master of twisting Scripture
 - 1 Jn 3:8 Devil sinned from the beginning - works of the Devil

4. God's Word of Identity (vs 20)

a. Son of God necessary

- basic foundation

b. Entry of Jesus

- Jesus came into world as human baby (1 Tim 1:15)
- Jesus brings life (Jn 14:6)
- Jesus brings truth
- Col 1:9 fullness of the Godhead in body form

c. Entry of enlightenment

- God is light - see things clearly
- Holy Spirit gives illumination
- 1 Cor 2:14 things of the Holy Spirit spiritually discerned (understood)
* natural man see God's things as foolishness
- Christians are "in Christ"
* Christian may know Christ
* because Christ ~~is~~ is true

d. Entry of encirclement

- ~~is~~ Christian in position of blessing
- Son Jesus Christ
* He is true God
* He offers eternal ~~God~~ life
- Christian surrounded by blessing of God's gifts

5. God's Word of Warning (vs. 21)

a. Christian, stay away from idols

- + idol is anything that will keep you away from God

b. Christian, ~~most~~ most important priority is God Himself

- God only, God alone