

## *That You May Know*

That We May Know — 1 John 5:13-15  
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I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.

**- 1 John 5:13**

### I. NOW THAT WE KNOW WHO JESUS IS...

- We believe he is the Son of God (John 3:16; 1 John 5:5).
- We believe he came by water and blood (1 John 5:6).
- We believe that the Father and the Spirit both testify to the reality that Jesus came in the flesh (1 John 5:8-9).
- We believe that the Triune God speaks truth (1 John 5:10).
- We believe that eternal life resides in God's Son (1 John 5:11).
- We believe that those who place their faith and hope in the Son of God possess eternal life (vs. 13).
- We believe that God hears the prayers of his children (vs. 14).

### II. ETERNAL LIFE...A PRESENT POSSESSION

- John writes not to unbelievers, but to believers. Those who believe in the name of the Son of God may know that they possess eternal life. No one else may presume to know this reality (vs. 13; **John 10:7-10; 1 Thess. 5:4-10; 1 John 5:12**).
- Confidence and humility are not mutually exclusive. One may possess both (James 4:10).
- For those who possess eternal life, prayer matters. God hears the prayers of those who know his Name (vs. 13; **Ps. 91:14-16**).

### III. BY WAY OF APPLICATION

- John 14: Life in Jesus described for us.

**KNOW:** Confidence is not a sin. God invites us to have confidence in our faith, as long as that confidence is built on biblical truth. Such confidence leads to good communication with God.

**DO:** Place your faith firmly in Jesus Christ and live confidently.

#### **Suggested Reading:**

*Gospel Assurance and Warnings* by Paul Washer (LifePoint Library # 234 WAS)

*Praying the Bible* by Donald S. Whitney (LifePoint Library #248.32 WHI)

#### **Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families**

##### **Please Read 1 John 5:13-15**

1. John tells us why he is writing. What is the purpose of this letter?
2. Can everyone know that they possess eternal life regardless of their views concerning Jesus Christ? What does John have to say about that?
3. What, if anything, causes you to question your faith? Has this series in 1 John helped you address this issue?
4. What kind of prayer "works" according to John?
5. What does it mean to ask according to his will?
6. What might need to change in your life in order for you to live with confidence of your salvation and confidence in your prayer life?