



Five Things We Can Know in an Era of Uncertainty

I John 5:13-21

Assurance of Eternal Life

- *Restricted* to those who “believe in the name of the Son of God” (*Jesus*) – vs. 13
- Security: “Shall not be *disappointed*” – 1 Pet 2:6
- Today Jesus is “a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense.” – 1 Pet 2:8
- We are promised “Life in *His name*.” – John 20:31

The Main Point: Our security comes from *Jesus*

Assurance of Answered Prayer

- “This is the *confidence*” – vs. 14, 15
- Condition: “According to *His will*”
- His will: That which is “*good, acceptable and perfect*.” Rom 12: 2
- Two promises:
 - He *hears*,
 - He will *grant* the request

The Main Point: Prayer gets us *in line* with God

Assurance of Spiritual Victory

- He who is born of God “*Keeps*” us
 - Protects
 - *Preserves*
- Reduced *pattern* of sin
 - “*Practices righteousness*” – 1 John 3: 7-9
 - Does not “*practice sin*.”

The Main Point: A process of successfully *resisting* sin

Assurance of Spiritual Position

- *World system* (cosmos) lies in the power of the evil one. – vs. 19
- “We are of God” (within His *family*)
- Our “*position*” is *in heaven*. – Eph 2:6
- Not *strangers* and aliens but *fellow citizens* with the saints in God’s *household*. – Eph 2: 19

The Main Point: We are “*in heavenly places*.”

Assurance of Spiritual Understanding

- The Son has given us *understanding* – vs. 20
- Purpose: “That we may *know Him*.”
- “No one can come unless the Father draws him.” – John 6: 44
- The *natural* man doesn’t have it. – 1 Cor 2: 14
- We are “*in*” Jesus Christ

The Main Point: “This is true *eternal life*.”