

# Know This!

1 John 5.13-21

*Focus: assuring believers that we truly have eternal life and that, as a result, God hears our prayers and delivers us from evil leading us to reject idols.*

## Resources:

Here is a helpful resource on our text:

<https://bible.org/seriespage/lesson-24-confidence-and-carefulness-prayer-1-john-514-17>



## NW's 2018 Priority

*Bought: we belong to Christ!*

we want to ...

- be captivated by the truth that we belong to Christ, that we are His people and...
- be in awe of this privilege...
- respond in willing obedience...
- invite others to join us!

## Discussion:

- Read the passage and list what John's concerns are as he wraps up his letter. Why these things?
- How important is it to *know* that you have eternal life? Based on 1 John, how can you know that is true of you?
- In vv. 14-17 what confidence does John give us in prayer? How should this shape your praying? What questions does this section raise for you?
- What confidences does John underscore in vv. 18-20? How does that encourage you?
- in verse 21, the idolatry at the forefront for John may have been the false Christianity of the false teachers. How does an idolatrous form of Christianity show up in our day (one that denies Christ, doesn't value obedience to his commands, that fails to love one another)? How could that be a temptation to us?
- Have people share which of the confidences (eternal life, answered prayer, protection from the evil one) that they most need to trust God concerning.
- **Missional Opps!** Challenge your group to love a neighbor well at one of these events/opportunities!
  - <https://www.wakeforestnc.gov/wake-forest-food-truck-rodeo-2018-10-28.aspx>