

Title: Knowledge is Power!

Text: 1 John 5:13-21

Target: Our hope in Jesus Christ is not the sentiment of wishful thinking but convictional living.

- I. **No Longer Defeated by Doubt:** *“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.”* (Vs.13)
 - A. **Confidence in His Presence:** *“this is the confidence that we have toward him...”* (Vs. 14a)
 - B. **Confidence in our Prayers:** *“if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.”* (Vs. 14b)
- II. **No Longer Crippled by Confusion:** *“If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God will give him life—to those who commit sins that do not lead to death. There is sin that leads to death; I do not say that one should pray for that. All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that does not lead to death.”* (Vs. 16-17)
 - A. **Forgivable Sin:** *“committing a sin not leading to death”*
 - B. **Unforgivable Sin:** *“there is a sin that leads to death”*
 1. **Blasphemy of the Spirit:** *“whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”* (Mark 3:29)
 2. **Rejection of Jesus Christ:** (1 John 5:12)
- III. **No Longer Slaves to Sin:** *“We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.”* (Vs. 18)
 - A. **Power of God in You:** *“does not keep on sinning”*
 - B. **Protection of God over You:** *“God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.”*
 - C. **Provision of God:** *“We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.”* (Vs. 19)
- IV. **No Longer Forsaken but have Freedom:** *“And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.”* (Vs. 20)

Target: *“Keep yourselves from idols”* (Vs. 21) because they will keep you from what God has for you.