

MESSAGE STUDY GUIDE GROUP MATERIAL SONGS

Christian Assurance Vs Sin Unto Death

John Concludes His First Letter (1 Jn. 5:13-21; cf. Jn. 20:30-31)

We Can Know We Have Eternal Life (1 Jn. 5:13; Jn. 3:18)

We Know That God Answers Prayer (1 Jn. 5:14-17)

- A. Those in relationship with God can have confidence before him & especially in their prayer
- B. Ask according to God's will (v. 14)
- C. Ask knowing that God hears & answers (v. 15)
- D. For whom should we intercede? (vv. 16-17)
 - 1. A believer committing sin that doesn't lead to spiritual death? Yes!
 - 1. "If anyone..."
 - 2. Sin that does not lead to death are observable sins
 - 3. God will give life

The Sin Unto Death

- A. Rejecting Jesus Christ as the Son of God (Secessionist view)
- B. Should we pray for those who rejected faith in Jesus & left?
 - 1. Roman Catholic theology of mortal (unpardonable) & venial (pardonable) sin

We Know We Are Born of God & Have Victory Over Sin & the Evil One (1 Jn. 5:18-19)

A. We are born of God & do not go on practicing sin

- B. We are born of God & are protected by Jesus from the evil one
- C. We are of God & not under the Evil one's power & grip (Jn. 10:28-29)

We Know What Is True (1 Jn. 5:20-21)

- A. Jesus has come & given us understanding
- B. To know the true one
- C. Guarding ourselves from idols
 - 1. Guard yourselves against substitute gods
 - 2. Idols stand in contrast to all that we know about the one, true God
 - 3. Only the one, true God satisfies our heart