

That You May Know

1 John breakdown...

Central Argument of 1 John... If you claim to be in Christ, you must walk as Jesus walked

Central Themes: Walk in the Light (1:5 – 3:10) & Walk in Love (3:11 – 5:12)

- You can't claim to have fellowship with God but walk in darkness
- You can't claim to walk in the light and live in darkness
- You can't claim to love God but not obey his commands
- You can't claim to have right standing with God if you're life is dedicated to sin
- You can't claim to walk in love but hate your brother

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1 John 5:13-21

¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴ This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask we know that we have what we asked of him.

¹⁶ If you see any brother or sister commit a sin that does not lead to death, you should pray and God will give them life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that you should pray about that. ¹⁷ All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death.

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¹⁸ We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the One who was born of God keeps them safe, and the evil one cannot harm them.¹⁹ We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.²⁰ We know also 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 by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

²¹ Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.

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To You Who Believe – That You May Know...1. You Have Eternal Life

- The major purpose for John writing this book was to assure believers ("to you who believe in the name of the Son of God") that their salvation is secure in Christ
- The reason we can have this confidence is that we fully rely on Jesus' finished work of redemption – an ironclad display of his love and affection for us
- Throughout the letter John gives evidence for those who are in Christ and refutes false claims that would deceive people in believing they are in right standing
- This assurance brings us confidence when we come to God to talk (pray)

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To You Who Believe – That You May Know...

- 1. You Have Eternal Life
- 2. God Hears You
 - Conditions for God "hearing" our prayers:
 - 1. We believe in the name of the Son of God
 - 2. That we pray according to his will
 - God is listening and cares about your life because you are his child
 - Sins that don't lead to death Sins that have been repented of; Sins by those who are born of God
 - Sins that lead to death Sins that are not repented of by those who are not born of God

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To You Who Believe – That You May Know...

- 1. You Have Eternal Life
- 2. God Hears You
- 3. Your Life is not dedicated to sin
 - The life of the believer is not about a destination only, but rather about the journey
 - John clearly lays out 2 paths A path for those who believe and are born of God (path of light) and a path for those who do not believe and are not born of God
 - Those born of God do not keep on sinning if you are born of God, you walk the path of light
 - The evil one does not have power over us

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4. You are a Child of God

 John makes it clear one last time – those born of God are under the power of Christ and those who are not are under the power of the evil one

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- 2. God Hears You
- 3. Your Life is not dedicated to sin
- 4. You are a Child of God
- 5. Jesus is God and has Come to Us
 - The Spirit of Christ enables us to understand who he is so that we can know him
 - We are in Him we abide/live in Him
 - He is God and is the source we go to for all things

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To You Who Believe – That You May Know... 1. You Have Eternal Life 2. God Hears You 3. Your Life is not dedicated to sin 4. You are a Child of God 5. Jesus is God and has Come to Us ***The sum up of the letter... "keep yourselves from idols"

- When we stray from the path of light, it is primarily because we have an idol pulling us off the path
- Idols in our lives are indicators of a worship problem

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Personal Questions We Must Ask Ourselves...

- 1. What path are you walking on?
- 2. Are you walking in the light?
 - Are you claiming to have right standing with God, but living part of your life in darkness?
- 3. Are you walking in love?
 - Are you showing your love for God by obeying Him?
 - Are you showing your love for God by loving others?





