

1 John 5:14-21 **Closing Thoughts**

Confidence in Prayer

14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, 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 the petitions that we have asked of Him.

Prayer for Sinner

16 If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin which does not lead to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not leading to death. There is sin leading to death. I do not say that he should pray about that.

17 All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death.

Things we Know – Obedience toward God protects one from Satan, the Wicked one.

18 We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.

19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.

20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

Closing Exhortation

21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.
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Facts Revealed:

Confidence in Prayer [1 John 5:14-15]

- ✠ We who believe in Christ Jesus have confidence that **if we ask anything according to His Will, He hears us.** And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, **we know** that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him. [1 John 5:14-15]
- ✧ The operative phrase is "**According to His Will.**"
- ✧ To pray according to the Will of God, is to pray for what God has declared is His Will for our lives in His Written Word.
- ✧ The most effective prayer is to pray God's words back to Him, this is a pattern found repetitively in Scriptures.
- ✧ Pray for wisdom, for holiness, for righteousness, for love toward one another, for forgiveness, for the coming of His Kingdom etc.
- ✧ If we pray selfishly, it is not according to His Will, but according to our own desires which are not included in the promise for receiving. [James 4:3]

Prayer for Sinner [1 John 5:16-17]

- ✠ **If anyone sees his brother sinning** a sin which does not lead to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not leading to death. [1 John 5:16]
- ✧ There is sin leading to death. I do not say that he should pray about that. [1 John 5:16]
- ✧ Praying for a sinning believer to repent so he can be forgiven and restored in the faith, will be acceptable to God and if the sinner repents, it will result in forgiveness and life.

- ✧ This concept is consistent throughout Scripture. [Ezekiel 18:23, 32, 33:11, 2 Chronicles 7:14, Matthew 13:15, John 12:40, Acts 28:27, James 5:15, 19-20]
- ✧ Sin that leads to death is the unforgivable sin, blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, and deliberate turning from Jesus after once being Saved. [Matthew 12:24-32, Mark 3:22-30, Hebrews 10:26-31]
- ✠ All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death. [1 John 5:17]
- ✧ Sin not leading to death is sin for which one repents.

Things we Know – Obedience toward God protects one from Satan, the Wicked one. [1 John 5:18-20]

- ✠ **We know that whoever is born of God does not sin.** [1 Corinthians 15:34, 1 John 3:6, 9, 5:18]
- ✠ He who has been born of God **keeps himself**, and the wicked one does not touch him. [1 John 5:18]
 - ✧ If we exercise proper self control in obedience toward God, the devil can not corrupt us.
 - ✧ Greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world. [1 John 4:4]
- ✠ **We know that we are of God**, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one. [1 John 5:19]
 - ✧ God calls His people to be separate from the world. [2 Corinthians 6:17-18]
- ✠ **We know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding**, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

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