

You Know When It's Real

ABSOLUTE ASSURANCE (1 John 5:6-21)

“The life that is real is built on the divine certainties that are found in Jesus Christ.”

How can we build our lives with divine certainties or confidence?

The assurance that...

I. Jesus is the _____ . (5:6-10)

- Three infallible witnesses to prove that Jesus is God:
 1. First witness – _____, reference to His baptism. (Matthew 3:16-17)
 2. Second witness – _____, representing Christ's death. (John 12: 27-28)
 3. Third witness – _____. (John 15:26)

II. Believers have _____. (5:11-12)

- A clear presentation of the Gospel:
 1. Eternal life is a _____.
 2. Eternal life is sourced in a _____.
 3. Eternal life is a present _____.

III. God answers _____. (5:13-15)

- Comparison of John 20:30 and 1 John 5:13

- Conditions for answered prayer:

1. We must have a heart that does not condemn us. (1 John 3:21-22)

“If I regard (had regarded) wickedness in my heart, the Lord will (would) not hear (have heard).” Psalm 66:18

2. We must pray in God's will. (John 14:13-14)

- The goal of prayer is NOT to _____ our selfish desires, but to _____ our will with God's purposes.

IV. Believers have victory _____. (5:16-19)

“We know that no one who is born of God sins.” (v.18a)

“He (Christ) who was born of God keeps him (the believer), and the evil one does not touch him.” (v.18b)

V. The Christian life is the _____. (5:20-21)

“We know too that the Son of God has actually come to this world, and has shown us the way to know the One who is true. We know that our real life is in the true One, and in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the real God and this is real, eternal life.” 1 John 5:20 (Phillip's translation)

“Little children, keep yourselves from idols (false gods)--[from anything and everything that would occupy the place in your heart due to God, from any sort of substitute for Him that would take first place in your life]. Amen (so let it be).” 1 John 5:21 (Amplified Bible)

Conclusion:

God is light, love and truth; and these together make a life that is real.