

Thankful for God's Assurance

1 John 5:13-21

This Thanksgiving Season, be thankful for God's many blessings. If you are never blessed beyond salvation, that alone is enough! Christians can rest in the truths that we belong to the Creator, the God who answers prayer, that we have spiritual victory, and that Christ is the true and only source of eternal life.

I. Believers are Assured of Eternal Life (1 John 5:13) In fact John writes a lot of assuring verses through 1 John. Allow me to refresh your memory of these verses.

- a. Joy assures us. (1 John 1:4) "And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete."
- b. Fighting sin assures us. (1 John 2:1) "My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."
- c. Being forgiven of our sins assures us. (1 John 2:12-13) "I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father."
- d. The truth assures us. (1 John 2:21) "I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth."
- e. Being warned assures us (1John 2:26) "I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you."

II. Believers are Assured that God Answers Prayer (1 John 5:14-17)

III. Believers are Assured Victory Over Sin (1 John 5:18)

IV. Believers are Assured of Belonging to God (1 John 5:19)

V. Believers are Assured of the Truth (1 John 5:20-21)

This Thanksgiving Season, I want you to be thankful for the assurance of your salvation, as Romans 10:9-10 state: "because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved."