

1 Juan / John 5:13-21

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This morning we are going to continue with our verse by verse Bible studies through the short letter of 1st John.

And as you can see up on our video screens, I have titled this sermon??? ???5 THINGS WE KNOW!???

Because in the text that we see today, the Bible is going to mention this word or phrase WE KNOW??? 5 different times, while reminding us of KEY TRUTHS for our Christian faith.

And that is important, because there are A LOT OF THINGS in this world??? that we just DON???T KNOW! (INTRO SLIDE #1)

And let me show you a couple of examples of things that WE DON???T KNOW up on our video screens. (INTRO SLIDE #2)

We don???t know exactly how this GIANT UNIVERSE that God created all around us works! (INTRO SLIDE #3)

Most of us don???t know how to figure out incredibly complex math problems like that one up on the chalk board! (INTRO SLIDE #4)

You probably didn???t know that the biggest dog in the world , named ???GIANT GEORGE??? is almost as big as a horse! (INTRO SLIDE #5)

Most of you men don't know that the ladies seated around you, grew up having crushes on and hoping to marry the boys in the music group MENDUO! (INTRO SLIDE #6)

But as Christians, there are IMPORTANT TRUTHS that WE DO KNOW!

These are truths that we can base our life on and our decisions on, and our futures on! (TEXT SLIDE #2)

So in our Bible study this morning, God has some important truths to teach us regarding 5 TRUTHS WE KNOW!

So let's get started and please open up your Bibles with us to 1st John Chapter 5, and we are going to begin by reading verse 13 together.

1st John Chapter 5 and please read along with us as we read verse 13.

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.

As we begin here, the author, Jesus' disciple John begins to finish up this letter by telling us one of the main reasons that he wrote it.

And we see it right here in verse 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.

And to remind us that we have eternal life, John has brought some of the great truths of the Christian faith.

But notice that John brings up this KEY PHRASE, that you may know!

Since this phrase WE KNOW is key for our Bible study today, I want to tell you about this important GREEK WORD. (SLIDE)

Gr.: οἶδα (EID strong's #1492)

Translated: Be aware of, consider, remember, appreciate

In our text: We know (found 6 times in our text today (319x)

Our study this morning, directly ties in with last Sunday's themes of faith and believing

And in these 5 truths that we know, we are going to be reminded of some of the main themes that we have studied in this amazing little book.

So these are going to be summaries of some of the great parts of this book.

But did you notice what truth God wants us to know here?

At the end of verse 13 we read so that you may know that you have eternal life.

And that brings up the first of the five truths that we know. (SLIDE)

And that is #1- (v.13) We know that We have eternal life! (REPEAT)

Titus 1:2 (SLIDE)- ???a faith and knowledge resting on the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time,???

2nd Timothy 2:13 (SLIDE)- ???even if we are faithless, Jesus remains faithful??????

KNOWING

Our certainty is based on God???s promises, or God???s truths to us.

Truths that we KNOW!

We don???t guess, we don???t hope are beliefs are right??? That is shaky unstable ground, that God doesn???t want any of us to be standing on.

CONFIDENT, sure of, IRON CLAD GUARANTEE???S!

Not on emotions, not on past experiences, not on past hurts and wrongs??? But on the truths that we know!

This morning God wants every one of us that have already chosen to place our faith in Jesus, to be sure that we have eternal life.

As a Christian, you are going to make it to heaven!

It???s not something we need to doubt??? it???s a guarantee!!! Jesus did the work for us, and Jesus is faithful.

And as we read in 2nd Timothy 2:13, even if we are faithless, Jesus remains faithful.

We are going to make it to heaven??? and God wants us to know that.

Now the Bible calls Satan the??? father of lies, and Satan will lie to us as Christians, especially after we sin???

Satan will whisper lies like??? ???You aren???t saved??????? or??? ???God can???t use you??? or???
???your to sinful to go to church!???

Have you ever thought those kinds of things? Those are all lies from Satan??? Because even when we sin, God loves us,

God wants to use us to do His work, and God wants us to know this morning, that as His children that He loves so much, we have eternal life!

Many of us are going through difficult trials right now, please know that God is with you in your trial, and He is going to get you through it.

It???s a guarantee, and we need to let this assurance from God and His word bring us peace and joy in our hearts.

Let???s continue on by reading verses 14 and 15 together. (SLIDE)

14-15- ??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.

As John talks about approaching God, and asking things according to His will, John is talking about prayer!

The main way that God wants you to communicate with Him is through prayer!

That is why John writes here in verse 14??? 14-15- ??This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

Now none of us pray as much as we should or want to??? And the reason for that is prayer is so hard.

But prayer is available for everyone???

For example??? mothers can pray, and that reminds me of the story of???

But that reminds me about the story of the SPECIAL PRAYER FOR MOTHERS.

The SPECIAL PRAYER FOR MOTHERS, goes like this???

So far today God I've been really good.

I haven't screamed at my kids,

I haven???t gossiped,

I haven't nagged at my husband,

I haven't been grumpy, selfish, or rude.

But in a few minutes God, I'm going to have to get out of bed and start my day,

and from then on I'm really going to need a lot more help. Amen

Children can pray too, and that reminds me of the story of???

Juanito had been misbehaving and was sent to his room.

After a while he emerged and informed his mother that he had thought it over and then said a prayer.

"Fine", said the pleased mother. "If you ask God to help you not misbehave, He will help you."

Little Juanito answered???

"Oh, I didn't ask God to help me not misbehave," "I asked God to help you be nicer and more patient! But notice what the Bible says about prayer here in verse 15?????And if we know that he hears us???whatever we ask???we know that we have what we asked of him.

And that brings up the 2nd of the five truths that we know. (SLIDE)

And that is???#2- (v.14-15) We know that??? When we pray according to God???s will, He hears us and will answer us. (REPEAT)

Psalms 66:18 (SLIDE)- ???If I regard iniquity in my heart,

the Lord will not hear me!???

James 4:3 (SLIDE)- ???We ask and we don???t receive because we ask amiss,

that we may spend it on our own pleasures!???

Matthew 7:7 (SLIDE)- ???Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find,

knock and it will be opened to you!???

Every prayer answered??? Yes, no, not good for you, or later???

Many Christians today wonder why it seems like so many of our prayers aren???t answered.

In James chapter 4 verse 3, the Bible tells us why many times God doesn???t answer our prayers.

And James writes??? ???We ask and we don???t receive because we ask amiss, that we may spend it on our own pleasures!???

When God doesn???t give us what we ask for in prayer, it is usually because we are praying for our own desires, our own will??? and not God???s will.

To be honest, in the past I have prayed for some pretty dumb things, and you probably have too???

and I am glad that God didn't answer those prayers. I am glad that God didn't allow me to marry the 4 girls in high school that I wanted to marry so bad?? God had someone better!!! {Mi amor}

If we ask God for things or situations that are not His will, God is smart enough, kind enough, and loving enough not to answer them.

So sometimes we pray for things, and nothing happens, God is saying no or??? not right now??? God doesn't do this because He is mean or because He is mad at us, but because God always wants the best for His children.

But the Bible tells us here that God not only hears our prayers, but IF!!! we ask according to His will we will get what we pray for.

Remember, God is our Father, and God loves to hear from us??? His children. And the main way we talk to God is through prayer.

Many of us here are parents, and we have all been at a playground with children all around us playing, yelling, and laughing, but when we hear the voice of our child??? what do we do?

We hear it and we listen, the words our children speak to us are important to us.

God as our loving Father does the same thing. And God wants to answer our prayers, and not only that, God wants to bless us, and answer our prayers.

Jesus talked about prayer in Matthew 7:7 when He said, "Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you!"

So yes, we should make our requests known to God??? but the key to having God answer our prayers is to pray according to God's will??? and make sure that our prayers and requests line up with what God's word tells us.

A final thing we need to keep in mind regarding prayer is that unconfessed sin in our lives will keep our prayers from being answered.

That's what the Bible says in Psalm 66:18??? as David says??? "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me!"

If there is any unconfessed sin in our hearts this morning, the first thing we need to do is repent and confess that sin to God.

One Pastor defined prayer this way: ???Prayer is not asking for what we want, but asking for what God wants!???

And if we are living our lives for God and His glory, we will start desiring more and more to do His will??? and we will find our prayers lining up with God???s will and desires.

And as we do that, we will begin to see God answer more and more of our prayers.

Let???s continue on by skipping forward to verse 18, where we will read verses 18 and 19 together. (SLIDE)

18-19- ??We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the one who was born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him. 19??We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.

As we read here John writes in verse 18 that anyone born of God does not continue to sin.

Again, the phrase??? continue to sin??? is speaking of a person continually and habitually living in sin and never repenting. True Christians will not be living forever in sin.

And that brings up the third of the five truths that we know. (SLIDE)

And that is???#3- (v.18) We know that??? We have victory over sin! (REPEAT)

1st Corinthians 10:13 (SLIDE)-???No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.???

And that brings up the forth of the five truths that we know. (SLIDE)

And that is???#4- (v.19) We know that??? We are children of God. (REPEAT)

Romans 8:17 (SLIDE)- ???Now if we are children, then we are heirs ???heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.???

And John continues in verse 18 by saying that the one who was born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him.

As Christians, God is going to keep us safe, and the evil one, speaking of the devil cannot harm us.

Why is that? Because 2000 years ago, Jesus lived a perfect life, Jesus died on the cross for our sins, and Jesus rose again on the third day conquering sin, Satan, and death. Jesus has already won the victory for us!

And as God???s children, we get the opportunity to choose to walk in that victory!

Yes, Satan will tempt us, accuse, and lie to us??? but God as our Father will protect us.

But we do need to be careful that we don't give the devil a foothold into our lives through sin.

The devil is a deceiver, and he is powerful, and we see in verse 19 that the whole world is under the control of the devil which John calls the evil one.

Have you ever wondered why there is so much sin, murder, and pain in the world?

It is because Satan is in control! But we can have faith in the promise that we read in 1st John 4:4
Greater is He that is in us, than he that is in the world!

God is greater than Satan. To put it in the language of our children our dad can beat up there dad!

So according to the Bible, there are only two types of people in the world, those that are children of God, and those that are children of the devil

That reminds me of the danger of dating or marrying an unbeliever. (Single people be careful!!!)

One Pastor put it this way

when a child of God, marries a child of the devil,

they are going to have a lot of problems with their Father in law!

We will finish up this morning by reading verses 20 and 21 together. (SLIDE)

20-21- We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, [\(AM\)](#) so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true even in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. 21 Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.

As we read here

John also reminds us in verse 20 that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true.

As Christians our eyes have opened, because God has given us understanding, and we can have an intimate relationship with Jesus, who is not only true, but as John tells us here, Jesus is also our true God who gives us eternal life.

And that brings up the fifth and final of the five truths that we know. (SLIDE)

And that is???#5- (v.20) We know that??? Jesus has come and we can know Him. (REPEAT)

John 17:3 (SLIDE)- ???Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.???

We will close out this morning by reading verse 21 together.

And with that, we have finished up our three month Bible study series through the powerful little book of 1st John.

And I am excited because after next week???s marriage service Sunday, I am going to start a brand new three week Sunday mini series I have titled??? THE FUTURE!

And I am going to teach a Sunday on the Biblical end times events, then a week on hell, and finally a week on heaven.

And church, that is some good news!