

John is concluding his letter explaining that we overcome everything by our faith (5:1-5), not an empty faith, but faith in the historical and supernatural record of God (5:6-13). Today, he makes a somewhat difficult statement about a sin that can lead to a believer's physical death and removal from this world (v. 16b). The context of this small remark concerns _____ for the spiritual family of God and the confidence we can have that God hears us when we pray and has our petitions. There are some conditions for God to hear and answer our prayers. Some of these conditions may surprise you.

HE HEARETH US – 1 John 5:14-17

1. When We are Living and Praying According to God's Will...He Heareth Us – v. 14-15

- We can pray confidently when keeping His commandments and doing things _____ in His sight (*His will*) – 1 John 3:18-22; Matt. 7:7-11; Ps. 37:4; James 4:1-2.

We have the petitions (Matt. 6:5-8, 26:36-44; Luke 18:1-8; Php. 4:6-7) =

- God's Spirit _____ our prayers towards the will of God – Rom. 8:26-27.

2. When Praying for Christian Brothers and Sisters Who are Living in Sin...He Heareth Us – v. 16-17

- It is impossible to _____ an unbeliever from eternal death and separation from God by praying for them – Rom. 6:23; 10:9-10, 13; Mark 3:28-29.
- There are sins of brethren for which care and intercessory prayer can be made causing God to move _____ on their behalf – v. 16a,17; Luke 22:31-32; Job 42:8-10; James 5:13-20.
- There are sins believers can commit which can lead to their _____ death (*not spiritual*) by God's will which cannot be changed even through our sincere prayer – v. 16b; Rom. 11:22.

a. Some sins have caused believers immediate removal from this world through death:

The sin of Nadab and Abihu (Lev. 10:1-7) =

The sin of Achan (Josh. 7:1-26) =

The sin of Uzzah (2 Sam. 6:6-9) =

The sin of the people of _____ before their fall (Jer. 7:16, 11:14, 14:11-12) =

The sin of Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11) =

The sin of believers who do not _____ their sin (1 Cor. 5:1-5, 11:30-32; Heb. 12:9) =

The sin of believers who continue to live in the _____ (Rom. 8:8, 13; Prov. 8:36, 11:19, 14:27; James 1:15-16) =

b. Some sins lead to a natural death where only repentance might change things (Gal. 6:7-8; Jon. 3:9):

_____ and drug abuse (Pr. 23:29-32) =

Fornication and promiscuous behavior (Pr. 2:18, 5:5, 7:27) =

_____ behavior (Rom. 1:27) =

Unrestrained temper and violence (Gen. 6:11-13; Ps. 140:11) =

- **Another look at it:** Believers should not wish or _____ for other believers to die because of their sinful behavior – v. 16b.