

The overall purpose of 1 John is that we know we have eternal life (1 John 5:13). You cannot come to the conclusion of this book unaware of where you are with God...you have eternal life or you do not, you are in Christ and the family of God or you are in the devil's family and _____ (John 8:44; 1 John 3:10). You can know. Last week we saw there is a sin for which God can remove us by death from this world to the eternal life He has promised us (Titus 1:2). In today's conclusion we are told that even in dire consequences, there are powerful truths we can know will always work for us. Do you know that you know today (Deut. 29:29)?

THINGS WE CAN KNOW – 1 John 5:18-21

1. We Know Who We Are In Christ – v. 18

- When born again by God's Spirit our new birth cannot be undone and God sees Jesus Christ in us which _____ makes us **sinless** – v. 18a; 1 John 3:6, 9; John 1:29, 8:24; Col. 1:27, 2:9-14.
- Our prominent position in the family of God _____ **practically** cause us to **sin less** and keep that Wicked one from us – v. 18b; 1 John 3:7-8; Job 1:11-12, 2:3-6; 1 Cor. 5:1-6, 6:19-20; Gal. 5:19-24; 1 Tim. 3:7; Rev. 12:10; James 4:7.

2. We Know That the Whole World and Its System Is Corrupt – v. 19

- When born again, we are _____ from anything and everything in this world around us – 1 John 2:15-17; Ps. 40:2-3 (1 Cor. 10:4); 2 Cor. 4:4; Eph. 2:1-2; Col. 3:1-3; Matt. 6:19-20.
- The world is our mission field and we must keep ourselves _____ from it – James 1:27, 4:4; 2 Pet. 2:23, 3:14; Eph. 5:27; 1 Tim. 6:12-14; Dan. 1:5-8, 3:27.

3. We Know God Through Jesus Christ and Have Eternal Life – v. 20-21

- We know He has come, we have received Him, and He is in us...this is the _____ true God and eternal life – v. 20; 1 John 2:25-26; John 10:14-15, 27; 17:3; Acts 4:12.

Given us an _____ (Luke 10:21, 24:45) =

- **Practically:** We have the power to _____ idols...anything that could take God's place and glory in our lives – v. 21; Ex. 20:4-5.

_____ = idolatry (Eph. 5:5; Col. 3:5)

- **Doctrinally:** This last verse reminds us that God's Word is _____ and perfect, applying powerfully in future dispensations of time – v. 21; Rev. 3:14-15, 14:9-11, 16:2.

4. Twelve Things We Know From Our Journey Through 1 John:

- a) Through Jesus Christ we have fellowship on this journey with God and other believers – 1:3.
- b) God is light and in Him is _____ darkness at all. Things are black and white with God – 1:5.
- c) Sin can break our fellowship with God and brethren, but we have an Advocate – 1:9, 2:1-2.
- d) Our brotherly love demonstrates the _____/strength of our relationship with God – 2:7-11.
- e) We are in one of three main stages of spiritual growth...child, young man, father – 2:15-17.
- f) It is the last time, Antichrist is coming, and the _____ of antichrist is at work – 2:18-26.
- g) We are at present (*in Christ*) the sinless sons of God – 3:1-3.
- h) We can be _____ in our hearts, in our prayers, and in His commandments – 3:20-24.
- i) The Spirit of God in us overcomes all the other spirits we encounter in this world – 4:1-6.
- j) The love God demonstrates toward us is the driving force that moves us to love _____ – 4:7-21.
- k) We can overcome anything by our faith in God and His record – 5:1-13.
- l) God hears us when we pray...although there are some conditions – 5:14-17.