

**1 John 5:13-21*****Memory Verse: 1 John 5:20***

We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, 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

**FIRST DAY: Read 1 John 5:13-21**

1. How confident are you of your salvation after reading 1 John 5:13?
  
2. What is the condition revealed in 1 John 5:14 to His hearing our prayer?
  - (1) What do the following verses say regarding this?
    - a. Matthew 6:10
  
    - b. James 4:3
  
3. What does it mean to pray according to His will?
  - a. How does John 15:7 relate to 1 John 5:14?
  
4. How can we know whether or not we are praying according to His will?

**SECOND DAY: Read 1 John 5:14-15**

5. The key word in 1 John 5:14 is ASK, record what the following verses teach us about this in relationship to prayer.
  - a. Matthew 7:7-11

- b. Matthew 21:22
  - c. Ephesus 3:20
6. See the following examples of prayer from the Psalms.
- a. Psalm 18:6
  - b. Psalm 34:6
  - c. Psalm 116:1-2
7. Many of us prove to ourselves that we devalue prayer, by the lack of prayer in our lives. Read Luke 18:1-8 and record your insights.

**THIRD DAY: Read 1 John 5:16-17**

You may have heard the phrase “sin is sin”, the truth in this statement is that God hates all sin and cannot look upon it. But this statement can mislead a person to think all sins are equal bad. We all understand that anger and murder are both sins but not equivalent. Just as lust is initial sin which can progress if not dealt, with to the greater sin of adultery.

1 John 5:16 has been translated different ways; you may want to us a commentary or other help, to study some of the different views of this verse.

8. What is the central message of 1 John 5:16
9. For some possible insight to what the “sin that leads to death” might be, see the following.
- a. Mark 3:29
  - b. Acts 5:1-11
  - c. 1 Corinthians 11:27-30
  - d. 1 Corinthians 6:15-20

e. Hebrew 6:4-6

10. 1 John 5:16-17 can be seen as the danger of sinning, but the main point of this passage is intercessory prayer. See the example of Epaphras in Colossians 4:12 of this.

a. Do you know any brother indulging in sin? If so what should you do?

**FOURTH DAY: Read 1 John 5:18-21**

11. Complete the following phrases beginning with we know.

a. 1 John 5:18 We know \_\_\_\_\_

b. 1 John 5:19 We know \_\_\_\_\_

c. 1 John 5:20 We know \_\_\_\_\_

12. How in what ways does God keep believers safe? (1 John 5:18)  
See 1 Peter 5:8

a. Are the non-believers guaranteed this safety? See Psalm 1

13. Think about 1 John 5:19, what is your relationship to the world?

a. What should you do if you feel yourself attracted to the world?

**FIFTH DAY: Read 1 John 5:20-21**

14. Read 1 John 5:20 and explain the reasons why it is important to you.

**15.** The very last sentence of this letter reads “Dear children keep yourselves from idols”. At first glance this seems like a strange way to end this letter. In John times idols saturated the culture. See Acts 19:23-27.  
Do you really think born again believers would reduce themselves to have anything to do with an idol?

**16.** Is it possible in any way we as born again believers might have anything to do with “modern Idols” ?

**SIXTH DAY:**

**17.** Intercessory prayer is not limited to those who are sinning. List some of the things from Paul’s prayers you can include in yours.

a. Ephesians 1:15-19

b. Ephesians 3:14-21

**18.** How has your views, actions, love for others, etc. changed through your study of 1 John over the past three months?

**19.** If you feel you are struggling in anyway, make sure you let some people know so they can pray for you and encourage and admonish you back to a right fellowship with Him.