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## The Reality of Our Confidence

1 John 5:13-21

Series: Reality Check – (re)Aligning Our Lives to the Way of Jesus

### Central Passages

**1 John 5:13 (ESV)** — *13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.*

**1 John 5:21 (ESV)** — *21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols.*

**Central Thought:** If we believe that Jesus is the Son of God, and it's our desire and practice to follow in his faithful, loving ways, we can know that we have entered into the eternal life of God and that we are loved by him and empowered and protected by his presence.

- ❖ Through Jesus we can be confident that we are in right relationship with God. (vs. 13)

**John 20:30–31 (ESV)** — *30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*

**Hebrews 10:19–23 (ESV)** — *19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.*

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- ❖ Through Jesus, we can be confident that our prayers are powerful. (vs. 14-15)

**John 14:12–14 (ESV)** — *12 "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. 13 Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.*

- ❖ Through Jesus, we can be confident that our concern for one another is effective. (vs. 16-17)

**James 5:13–16 (NLT)** — *13 Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. 14 Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. 16 Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed...*

- ❖ Through Jesus, we can be confident that we have ultimate spiritual protection. (vs. 18-19)

**Ephesians 6:10–12 (ESV)** — *10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.*

- ❖ Our Confidence is in Jesus Christ – the son of God, the risen savior, the complete revelation of God himself – and no other! (vs. 20-21)

**Hebrews 1:1–3 (ESV)** — *1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. 3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. (See also John 1:1-5; Colossians 1:15-20)*

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