

Sermon Outline
March 22, 2026

Bank On It (Part One)
1 John 5:13-17
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2 Christian certainties to bank on

1. The Certainty of Eternal Life

1 John 5:13, “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.**”

He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose.”- Jim Elliot

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i. Praying for our wandering loved ones

1 John 5:16 “If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, **he shall ask,** and God will give him life—to those who commit sins that do not lead to death.

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ii. Praying for settled unbelievers

1 John 5:16-17, "There is sin that leads to death; I do not say that one should pray for that. All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that does not lead to death."

2 Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance."