

# sermon notes

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## *Four ways our confidence in God can grow:*

- 1) Our confidence in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
(5:13)
- 2) Our confidence in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
(5:14-15)
- 3) Our confidence in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
(5:16-18)
- 4) Our confidence in the \_\_\_\_\_ of all \_\_\_\_\_  
(5:19-20)

## Questions for Further Application of God's Word:

1. According to 1 John 5:13, why did John write the book of 1 John? How is this similar or different from his reason for writing the Gospel of John (see John 20:31)? How does a person know that they have eternal life? How do **you** know that **you** have eternal life?
2. Do you pray with confidence before the Lord? Why or why not? Should we have confidence? How is confidence in God different from dictating to God? Do answered prayers depend upon the quality or fervency of our faith? Why or why not?
3. Does God promise to hear our prayers? Does God promise to answer all our requests? What does it mean to pray "according to his will" (5:14)? How do we know God's will so that we can pray accordingly?
4. How would you practically work to restore a brother or sister caught in sin? Is it our job to be our "brother's keeper"?
5. Is there any eternal life apart from Christ? How do you know? How has the Son of God given us understanding (5:20)? Do we need to live in fear of this world and the "god of this world?" Why or why not?
6. List three or four major themes in 1 John. What are some repeated points of emphasis in this book? What are your greatest takeaways from studying this book? How has the four "tests" (the obedience test, the doctrinal test, the love test, and the Holy Spirit test), figured prominently in this book?

**Advanced Question:** What is "the sin leading to death" and "the sin not leading to death" that John references in 1 John 5:16-17? Is there a sin that is "unforgivable?" According to 1 John 5:16, what are we to do when we see a brother committing a sin? What other passages speak of our responsibilities to help our sinning brothers and sisters? Why don't we just let them do whatever they want?