

1 John 5:13-17
"Confident Prayer"

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1. Introduction

- a. Satan father of lies (no truth in him - Jn 8:44)
 - * no truth in him
 - * a murderer from the beginning
 - Satan's kingdom brings fear
- b. Book of 1 John is book of love
 - book of knowing - 22 times in book
 - book of confidence - 1 Jn 2:28
 - * 1 Jn 3:21
- c. Vs 13 - that you may know that you have eternal life
- d. Confidence related to praying

2. Confidence Found in Will of God

- a. Confident that God Hears Christian
 - Eph 3:10-12 boldness & access to God by faith
 - knowing & confidence in praying according to God's will
 - * request agrees with Bible commands
 - * any request against Scripture is contrary to God's will
- b. Great High Priest
 - Heb 4:14-16
 - * Jesus son of God
 - * tempted in every way same as we
 - * come boldly to throne of grace
- c. Confident prayer according to God's will
 - God will hear Christian
 - prayer is conforming to God's will
 - Ps 37:4-5 Delight in God & commit your way to the Lord
 - when prayer is about person's will & not God's will - James 4:1-4
 - * asking amiss
 - * want bad lusts, desire to have, fight, friendship with the world
 - Lord's Prayer = Mt 6:9-13, Lk 11:2-4
 - * God's will be done on earth

3. Confidence in God's Response

a. Christian seeks God's will

- conditional "if"
- We know that God hears
 - * God gives Christian "yes" answer when anything asked for
- Rom 8:26-27 Holy Spirit helps Christian to pray
 - * Jesus Christ intercedes for Christian with His heavenly Father

b. Christian discerns God's will

- pray effectively? learn more of Scripture
- God's will shown in His Word
- Jn. 15:7 - conditional "if"
 - * if God's Word stays inside you
 - * ask what you want
 - * God will do it

c. Answered prayer

- Immediate "yes" to need
- Delayed "wait" for God's timing
- God's answer ^{DIFFERENT} from human expectations
- God's "no" for His own reasons
- be confident with God's answer(s)

4. Confidence in Intercession

a. What is intercession?

- praying for someone else

b. Christian's duty to pray for other Christians

- first duty to pray when other Christian sins
 - * Rom 15:1-2 strong Christian to carry (or help) weaker person or to help neighbor
 - * Gal 6:1-2 restore weaker brother
 - * Jms 1:4-6 Ask God for wisdom

c. Christian's danger

- do not pray for sin to death
- compare "sin unto death"
 - * Mt 12:24, Mk 3:28-30, Lk 11:15
 - + claimed Jesus was powered by Satan - unpardonable sin
 - * 1 Cor 5:4-5 person delivered to Satan
 - * 1 Cor 11:27-30 taking communion in unworthy manner

d. Declaration = all unrighteousness is sin

Ananias & Sapphira
- Acts 5:3-5, 9-10
- telling lies to Holy Spirit