

**Life That Is Real**  
**“The Christian’s Confidence”**  
**I John 5:14-21**  
**Pt. 15**

**Introduction** - No doubt you have heard the familiar quote, “Nothing is certain, but death and taxes.” Benjamin Franklin wrote those words in 1789. We do live in a time of great uncertainty. Even Benjamin Franklin know that many other things are also certain.

When it comes to spiritual truth found in the Bible, there is so much that we can be certain of. John brings his first epistle to a close by sharing four certainties; four things we can be certain of!

**I. God Answers Prayer, vv. 14-17**

**We can have confidence in prayer, vs. 14. It’s in Him! This is the third time the word confidence appears in I John.**

1. At Christ’s second coming, 2:28.
2. At future judgement, 4:17.
3. In reference to prayer, it means “freedom of speech” or “fearless confidence.”, 5:14.

Do you have confidence in prayer?

**Prayer has a condition, vs. 14, “according to His will.”**

**Prayer’s purpose:**

- Jesus taught us in His pattern for prayer.
- Jesus or supreme example in the garden.

**The consequence’s of prayer:**

- He heareth us, (present tense), vs. 14b.
- The consciousness that we have our requests, vs. 15.
- An illustration of our responsibility in prayer, vv. 16-17.

Lesson: Pray, don’t gossip, talk to God about them.

## II. God's People Do Not Practice Sin, vs. 18.

1. True Christians have victory over sin.
2. True Christians are kept from Satan by God. They experience God's power.

## III. We Belong To God, vs. 19.

“We are of God!” How do we know? *We pass the test.*

1. Righteousness, 3:9. Live righteously.
2. Love, 4:7. Love sacrificially.
3. Truth, 5:1. Behave biblically.

This has been John's purpose, vs. 13.

The contrast, vs. 19b, “*the whole world*” in Satan's lap! “*In the lap of the wicked one.*”

Only two groups, no third alternative!

## IV. Jesus is The True God and Eternal Life,” vv. 20-21.

1. We know the Son of God is come, vs. 20.
  - John strikes at the very root of the Gnostic false teaching.
  - Jesus is the heart of Christianity.
2. He has given us an understanding, vs. 20.
3. Jesus is the true God and eternal life.
  - He also came to bring salvation.
  - John 14:6, “*I am the way, the truth, and the life.*”

### Conclusion

All false conceptions of God.  
Any substitutes for God.  
Don't settle for the false.  
Jesus is life that is real!