

First John

1 Jn. 5:14-21



Sonship



Fellowship



Fruitfulness

1 Jn. 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

16 If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.

17 All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.

18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

19 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

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a. God hears us, 5:14


1 Jn. 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, **if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:**

Original Word: παρρησία

Transliteration: parrésia

Short Definition: freedom, confidence, boldness

parrhēsía (from *pás*, "all" and *rhēsis*, "a proverb or statement quoted with *resolve*," *L-S*) – properly, *confidence (bold resolve)*, leaving a witness that something *deserves to be remembered (taken seriously)*. <http://biblehub.com/greek/3954.htm>



"Jesus teaches us to pray: 'Thy will be done,' not, 'Thy will be changed.'" Barclay, William. *The Letters of John and Jude*. The Daily Study Bible series. (p. 136.) 2nd ed. Edinburgh: Saint Andrew Press, 1962.

b. God heeds us, 5:15

1 Jn. 5:15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.



Original Word: οἶδα

Transliteration: eídō

Definition: I know, remember, appreciate

eídō (oída) – properly, to *see* with *physical* eyes (cf. Ro 1:11), as it naturally bridges to the *metaphorical* sense: *perceiving* ("mentally seeing"). This is akin to the expressions: "*I see what You mean*"; "*I see what you are saying.*"

eídō ("*seeing* that becomes *knowing*") then is a *gateway* to grasp spiritual truth (reality) from a physical plane. (*eídō*) then is physical seeing (sight) which should be the constant bridge to mental and spiritual seeing (*comprehension*).

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2. This world's lusts, 5:16-17

a. The seriousness of sin, 5:16

1 Jn. 5:16 If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.

1 Cor. 5:5 To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

1 Cor. 11:30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.



Jn. 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

Jn. 8:24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

Jn. 9:39 And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.



Heb. 10:26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,
27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:

29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

b. The scope of sin, 5:17

1 Jn. 5:17 All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.



3. This world's lord, 5:18-19

a. The wicked one's defeat, 5:18

1 Jn. 5:18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

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b. The wicked one's domain, 5:19

1 Jn. 5:19 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

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4. This world's lies, 5:20-21

a. A last word, 5:20

(1) Two great feats, 5:20a-b

(a) The incarnation of the Son of God,
5:20a “And we know that the
Son of God is come...”

Original Word: οἶδα

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(b) The illumination of the sons of God,
5:20b "... and hath given us an
understanding..."

(2) Two great finds, 5:20c-d

(a) A positive truth, 5:20c "...that we
may know him that is true..."

Original Word: γινώσκω

Transliteration: ginóskō

Definition: I am taking in knowledge, come to know, learn; aor: I
ascertained, realized.

ginōskō – properly, *to know*, especially through *personal
experience (first-hand acquaintance)*.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/1097.htm>



(b) A positional truth, 5:20d "...and we are in him that is true..."

(3) Two great facts, 5:20e-f

(a) A word about the deity, 5:20e
"...even in his Son Jesus Christ..."

(b) A word about our destiny, 5:20f
"...This is the true God, and eternal life."

b. A last warning, 5:21

1 Jn. 5:21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.





Conclusion

Jn. 15:1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

4 **Abide in me, and I in you.** As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for **without me ye can do nothing.**



6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

7 **If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.**

8 **Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.**

9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

10 **If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love;** even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.