

LIVING WITH GOSPEL CONFIDENCE

Love Made Known, part 9

1 John 5:6 - 21, ESV

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1 JOHN 5:6 - 21

“This is he who came by water and blood - Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 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. And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him. 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. 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. We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him. We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols.”

WE CAN HAVE CONFIDENCE BECAUSE THE GOSPEL IS TRUE.

GOD HAS CONFIRMED THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL HISTORICALLY.

MATTHEW 3:17

“... and behold, a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’”

1 JOHN 4:10

“... sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”

MATTHEW 26:28

“... for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

JOHN 16:13 - 14

“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth . . . He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”



GOD CONTINUES TO CONFIRM THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL PRESENTLY.

The Holy Spirit reveals the truth of the gospel to us in the Bible (2 Peter 1:21).

The Holy Spirit enables us to truly comprehend and embrace the truth of the gospel (1 Corinthians 2).

The Holy Spirit reassures us of the truth of the gospel and makes it real to us in our daily lives (Romans 8:16 - 17).

1 JOHN 5:12

“Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have 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.”

#1 - WE CAN CONFIDENCE THAT GOD HEARS US.

1 JOHN 5:14

“And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.”

1 JOHN 5:15

“And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.”

1 JOHN 5:16 - 17

“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. 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 - WE CAN HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT GOD HAS TRANSFORMED US.

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1 JOHN 5:18

We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning.”



#3 - WE CAN HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT WE HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE REAL GOD.

1 JOHN 5:21

“Little children, keep yourselves from idols.”

1 JOHN 5:20

“And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.”

JOHN 17:3

“And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.”

“ETERNAL LIFE” IS LIFE IN COMMUNION WITH GOD.

