

Know, Know, Know
How Do You Recognize a Christian?
Life in Light of 1 John
August 22, 2021

Notes:

What we can KNOW...

1. We can know that we know God. (2:3,13,14; 4:7)
2. We can know that we are *in* God. (2:5)
3. We can know that it is the last hour. (2:18)
4. We can know the truth. (2:21; 3:19)
5. We can know that Jesus is righteous. (2:29)
6. We can know that we will be like Jesus. (3:2)
7. We can know that Jesus came to take away sins. (3:5)
8. We can know that Jesus is sinless. (3:5)
9. We can know that we have passed out of death into life. (3:14)
10. We can know that no murderer has eternal life (remember that John equivocates hatred to murder). (3:15)
11. We can know love. (3:16; 4:16)
12. We can know that God abides in us. (3:24; 4:13)
13. We can know the Spirit of God. (4:2)
14. We can know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of deception. (4:6)
15. We can know that we love God's children. (5:2)

16. We can know that we have eternal life. (5:13)

17. We can know that God answers prayer. (5:15)

18. We can know victory over sin. (5:18)

19. We can know that we belong to God. (5:19)

20. We can know what is true. (5:20)

Questions for Personal Reflection & Group Discussion

Read 1 John 5:13-21.

What things does John write that we can know, or be sure of, in these verses?

Why would God want us to know certain truths as we live the Christian life? What comfort can we take in these truths?

From the list on the opposite side of this page, which truths are the most clear examples of grace to you? Which are the hardest for you to believe?

What do you think about believers having doubts? What do you do when doubt creeps into your own mind?

"God wants to give you what you would want God to give you if you were wise enough to want it." Daniel Akin
According to verse 14, God hears us if we pray according to His will. How can you become "wise enough to want" what God desires for you?

How do you respond when you see a brother or sister in Christ living in disobedience to God's will (sin)? Is there something you need to do differently when you face those situations?

Read verse 21. Is there something in your life that threatens to take God's place in your heart? What is it? What do you need to do about that? What step of obedience will you take this week to make sure that God has first place in your life?

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