

## **“Know That You Know”**

### **I John 5:13-21**

**Know that you have eternal life (5:13)...** The Apostle John’s entire letter has been about helping true Christians become confident of their own salvation. These true Christians are ones who have personal faith in Jesus’ death for the forgiveness of sins and been changed into people of love and obedience.

**Know that God hears and answers your prayers (5:14-15)...** Prayer may seem ineffective to many Christians simply because they don’t pray or they pray selfish and faithless prayers, but John assures us that when true Christians pray according to God’s will they are heard and their prayers are answered. Jesus makes our prayers effective as our great High Priest.

**Know that you will not be overtaken by sin but will be protected from Satan’s Power (5:18-19)...** We all have some area of temptation where we sometimes feel vulnerable to attack. We may have even felt uncertain that we can continue to fight this temptation for all our lives. These verses assure the true believer that Jesus will protect him from Satan’s attack and not allow him to be overtaken by any sin.

**Know that you are in the truth (5:20-21)...** In a world of religious diversity, the Bible makes the bold claim that we who trust in Jesus, know the truth and are in the truth because Jesus is the truth. We must stay in this truth and keep ourselves from idols.

#### **\*Questions for Discussion:**

- 1. What prayers have you seen answered?**
- 2. How does it affect you to hear that Jesus will protect you from being overtaken by sin and Satan?**
- 3. How are you keeping yourself from idols?**

**(Scripture Reading Assignment: Matthew 28:1-10)**