

## ***“Blessed Assurance: Assurance in Prayer”***

I John 5:13-17

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Our eternal security gives us confidence in the life-giving power of God to answer prayer.

- 1) Our Eternal Security (v. 13)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) Confidence before God (v. 14-15)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3) Life-giving prayer (v. 16-17)
  - a) Sin that does not lead to death (1 John 1:9)
  
  
  
  
  
  - b) Sin that leads to death  
(Mark 3:28-30, Hebrews 12:16-17)

**READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK:** 1 John 5:18-21

## **Discussion Questions**

ICEBREAKER: Who is someone unrelated to you who prayed for you when you were younger? Who is someone younger you pray for now?

Read: 1 John 5:13-17.

- 1) How can you know that you have eternal life?
- 2) How does your knowledge of salvation affect how you pray?
- 3) Re-read 1 John 4:18. How does this verse connect to our confidence in prayer?
- 4) How does praying according to God’s will give us confidence that He hears us?
- 5) Does God answer all prayers? If so, how?
- 6) Who does verse 16 of chapter 5 tell us to pray for?
- 7) What is a believer’s relationship with sin according to 1 John 1:9, 2:1, 3:6-9?
- 8) From this context, which sins would not lead to death?
- 9) What is the effect of praying for them?
- 10) Why do you think John doesn’t go into detail about “sin that leads to death”?
- 11) How does knowing that as a believer who sometimes sins, it doesn’t have to lead to death?
- 12) How can praying for one another and accountability be fulfilling God’s greatest commandments?
- 13) How can we pray for you this week?