

## 1 John Class Outline



10/23/2022	Chapter 5: v 13-15	Confidence and Certainties of Believers 1
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12/4/2022	2 John Chp 1: v 7-9	False Teachers part 1
12/11/2022	2 John Chp 1: v 10-13	False Teachers part 2
12/18/2022	3 John Chp 1: v 1-8	Salutation and Missionary Support
12/25/2022		no class - Christmas
1/1/2023		no class - New Years

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## 1 JOHN 5:13-15




**13** These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

**14** This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

**15** And if we know that He hears us *in* whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.

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13 These things I have written to you that you may know that you have eternal life, who believe in the name of the Son of God. Interlinear edited 

**Subject** = I [John]


**Verb** = have written - *graphō* - of "forming letters" on writing material

**Direct Object** = these things (to you - believers)

Aorist,  
Indicative,  
Active

- What are "these things" referring to?
- The phrase "these things" evidently refers to what John had just written about God's witness (vv. 9-12).\*
- Key verses: 1 John 5:11 And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. :12 He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

\* Constable 3

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**Key points from 1 John 5:11-12:**

- This is the testimony [the evidence] by God.
- God has given us [every believer] eternal life.
- This [eternal] life is in\* His Son.
- He who has the Son has the [eternal] life.
- We have the Son by faith in His person and work.
- He who does not have the Son of God does not have the [eternal] life.
- This is the person who has not believed on who Christ is and what He has done.

\* in union with 4

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Interlinear edited



**that** – with a purpose that

**you** [believers] **may know that you have eternal life**

**know** – *oida* – absolute knowledge based on facts – perfect tense

**you have** – lit: you are having – present tense

Wuest: you may know with an absolute knowledge that life you are having, eternal life

- The purpose is to give assurance that we have eternal life as our possession now. McCalley
- Next, the last part of this verse tells us what group of people have this assurance.

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Interlinear edited



**who believe in the name of the Son of God**

**who believe** – one who exercises faith


**in** – *eis* – the idea is that you are believing in the right direction\*

- Faith does not save you.\*
- God saves you.\*
- Faith is only valid if the direction is correct.\*
- **The name** stands for His entire person.\*
- So our faith must be directed toward **the Son of God**.

\* McCalley

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14 And this is the confidence which we have toward Him that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

Interlinear 

- This verse is telling us what kind of attitude we are to have toward God in prayer. McCalley
- The attitude is that of **confidence**.
- The word **confidence** is *parrēsia* – boldness particularly in speaking: freedom of speech, openness
  - 1 John 2:28 Now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away.
  - 1 John 3:21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God.
- One of the characteristics of prayer ought to be absolute openness – holding nothing back. McCalley
- Confidence is founded on knowing we have eternal life.

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Interlinear 

[confidence] **we have toward Him**

**toward** – *pros* – face to face

- Rom 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with [face to face] God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
- We are face to face with God through Christ
- 1 Thess 1:8 For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you -- but also in every place your faith toward [face to face] God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything.
- This is fearless confidence we have toward God.

Merryman 8

14 And this is the confidence which we have toward Him  that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.


Interlinear

This last part is a conditional sentence [if – then].

if we ask anything according to His will, [then] He hears us

- first we ask - *aiteo* - to ask for something to be given
- *aiteo* is a form of the verb “to pray” Merryman
- present tense – the idea is that we keep on asking
- subjunctive - 3<sup>rd</sup> class - fulfillment is uncertain but still likely
- middle – we are asking for our own interest – personal!
- Wuest: we keep on asking anything for ourselves
- according to His will – lit: according to the norm or standard of His will
- It can be anything !

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Interlinear

[then] He hears us

- The result of our prayer is that he hears us.
- He hears is present tense – He keeps on hearing us.


But this verse has limitations:\*

- Two limitations: one is on asking and one is on receiving.

1<sup>st</sup> – ask according to His will

- This means we pray with a proviso – if it be Your will !
- The proper attitude is “Your will for my life” is better than “my will for my life.”
- Sometimes we know His will; others times we do not.

\* Merryman/McCalley 10

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Interlinear

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2<sup>nd</sup> – He hears us

- In this verse, it does not say that He grants us the request.
- The answer to the request may be yes or may be no.  
Merryman/McCalley
- The promise is not 'He granteth it' but 'He heark-eneth to us.' He answers in His own way. Smith via Wuest
- Next we get an amplification of verse 14.

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15 And if we know that He hears us, *in whatever we ask*, [then] we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him. 

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- If – assumed to be true [1<sup>st</sup> Class]
- This verse seems to assume that we have prayed “yet not as I will, but as You will.” (Matt 26:39b)

The heart of this verse is an “If – then” structure:

- summarized as: If we know then we have Merryman
- What do we know\*?
- that He hears us in whatever we ask
- What do we know\* we have ?
- the requests which we have asked from Him
- since the request was in accord with God’s will

\* *oida* – absolute knowledge

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### Prayers from Scripture with a different answer than what was requested\*



#### Request

2 Cor 12:8 Concerning this I [Paul] implored the Lord three times that it might leave me.

Num 11:14-15 I [Moses] alone am not able to carry [the burden of] all this people --- please kill me at once, if I have found favor in Your sight.

#### Answer

2 Cor 12:9 And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness."

Num 11:16-17 The LORD therefore said to Moses, Gather for Me seventy men from the elders of Israel, --- and I will take of the Spirit who is upon you, and will put Him upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you.

\* McCalley

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### Prayers from Scripture



#### Request

John 11:1&3 Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. So the sisters sent word to Him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick."

Matt 26:39 And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will."

#### Answer

John 11:6&4 So when He heard that he was sick, He then stayed two days longer in the place where He was --- He said, This sickness is not to end in death, but for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by it.

Matt 26:42 He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, "My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, Your will be done."

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## Final Thoughts



- We have our requests, not always as we pray, but as we would pray were we wiser. God gives us not what we ask, but what we really need. Wuest
- Prayer is the fellowship of an intimate, living union. As with all of the Christian life, it must be carried on in dependence upon the Holy Spirit. M.Stanford
- When we are walking in fellowship with Him, when we are following Him, we can have confidence that He will hear what we ask and answer our prayer. We are to come with boldness to ask that God's will be done. J. Vernon McGee