



November 19 – 25

Truth and Deception | Confidence as Children

Icebreaker: Why do we sometimes struggle with a lack of assurance of salvation? How does that lack of assurance affect us?

Read 1 John 5:13–15

- John begins with the purpose statement of writing this letter. Compare this with the purpose statement in his gospel in John 20:31.
- Looking back at 1 John 5:11–12, what is our assurance based on?
- Why is the assurance of eternal life so essential to us?
- How is confidence in prayer related to confidence in our salvation?
- What are we permitted to ask of God?
- What does it mean to pray according to God's will?
 - Read the following verses to get a fuller picture of this kind of prayer: Mark 11:24–25, John 14:14, John 15:7, 1 Thessalonians 4:3–8, 1 John 3:22, James 4:3
- How will God answer us when we pray in this way? What does it mean when we don't get the answer we desire?

Read 1 John 5:16–21

John does not define a sin that leads to death and a sin that does not lead to death. John may be talking about sin as a state and not an act. Someone can be living in a state of sin or a state of life. (See 1 John 3:14) At the same time, we see instances where sinful acts lead to death. (Acts 5:1–11)

- Regardless of what is meant by these kinds of sin, what ought our response be to Christians we see living in sin?
- According to verse 18, what are the promises for those who have been born of God?
- How does the world lie in the power of the evil one?
- What has the Son of God done for us? Talk about the hope this gives you in the middle of a world ruled by Satan.
- Why would John end with a call to keep yourselves from idols?
 - What are idols? What does idolatry look like in our culture?
 - What are things we are tempted to put in place of God in our lives?

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