

I JOHN – LESSON 9

I. KNOWING ETERNAL LIFE (5:13-21)

A. The purpose for writing: “that ye may know that ye have eternal life” (v. 13).

1. Having life is conditional: *“Believe on the name of the Son of God.”*

B. Boldness in prayer for life of your brother (v. 14-19).

1. We have our petition when we pray according to God’s will (v. 14-15).
2. We can ask for life for brother who sins a sin not unto death (v. 16).
 - a. Not God’s will to ask when brother sins a sin unto death
 - b. All unrighteousness is sin – and there is a sin not unto death (v. 17)
 - c. The truly begotten do not continue the habitual practice of their old sinful ways – keep out of control of the evil one (v. 18-19).

C. Knowing the true God through His Son, Jesus Christ (v. 20-21).

1. Therefore: “guard yourselves from idols.”

QUESTIONS:

1. What is “eternal life”?
2. How can we know for certain we have eternal life?
3. What **two facts** cause us to have confidence in prayer?
4. Describe the one who is “sinning not unto death”:
5. Describe the sin for which God does not want us to make request:
6. To whom does God give life when answering our prayer?
7. In verses 18-21, what **three facts** should we know?
8. What can we do to keep the evil one from conquering us?

9. What results from the fact the Son of God has come?
10. From what should we guard ourselves? Why is this so important?