

First Reformed Presbyterian Church of Cambridge, Massachusetts
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1John 5:13-17 To you who believe in the Son of God

- I. You can know that you have eternal life.
 - A. Assurance: the problem.
 - B. Assurance: the solution, “these things I have written...
1John 5:1-5, 11.
 - C. God wants you to know, not to doubt.
1John 2:21, 29; 3:2, 5, 14; 1John 2:20; 3:24; 5:6.

- II. You can know that he who has the Son has life.
 - A. Christ is the word of life, the prince of life (Ac 3:15), the bread of life (Jn 6:35, 48), the resurrection and the life (Jn 11:25), the way the truth and the life, (Jn 14:6).
 - B. Gen 2:7 God breathed the breath of life into the man.
 - C. Life in 1John.
1John 1:1-2; 2:25; 3:14; 5:11, 12, 13.

- III. You can know that you have freedom to approach God in prayer.
 - A. Christian boldness toward God.
Judgment, 2:28; 4:17 & prayer, 3:21; 5:14. Hebrews 4:16.
 - B. Ask him anything according to his will.
John 15:7; James 4:3; 1Kings 3:5-13.
 - C. You know that you have the requests you made of him.
Psalm 25:5; 62:5; Micah 7:7.

- IV. You can know that God keeps his church holy.
 - A. The duty of love leads us to pray for the others in the church.
James 5:16; Colossians 1:9; 2 Thessalonians 1:11.
 - B. Two sorts of sin.
 1. A “sin to death” is a sin which ultimately will lead someone to deny Christ.
1John 5:12.
 - C. And he will give him life.
James 5:19-20.
 - D. Sin is dangerous.
1 John 3:4; 1 John 5:17; Exodus 34:7.

- V. John has written to the church, That you may know...
 - that you have eternal life.
 - that God hears your prayers
 - that you have the requests you have asked of God.