The Prayer God Always Hears & The Sin He Never Forgives
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1 John 5:13-17
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REVIEW — Moving from condemnation to confidence!

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*"By this we **know** …"*

1. There is a kind of knowing by means of **DISCOVERY**. (vs. 2, 20b)

2. There is a kind of knowing by means of **DISCLOSURE**. (vs. 13, 15, 18,19, 20a)

INTRODUCTION — "the sin leading to death" (vs. 16-17)

The Problem — What is "the sin leading to death?"

The Possibilities — What could John be saying?

LESSON — The Prayer God Always Hears & The Sin He Never Forgives   5:13-17

I. **THE PRAYER GOD ALWAYS HEARS** vs. 13-15

"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**.

The Promise God Has Made — Assurance of Eternal Life (v. 13)

Eternal life is not just a **QUANTITY** of life, but a **QUALITY** of life. (John 17:3)

Eternal life is not just about a **PERIOD** of time; it's a **PERSON** (1 John 5:20)

Things True of Eternal Life

1) It begins **NOW** (Matthew 19:16; John 3:15, 5:24)

2) It is a **GIFT** to those who believe. (John 10:28; Romans 6:23; 1 John 2:25, 5:11)

3) It is never **REPEATED**. (John 3:14-15, 4:13-14, 6:27,51)

The Prayer God Always Hears — Alignment with God's Will   (vs. 14-15)

*"This is the **confidence** which we have before Him, that, if we **ask** anything **according to His will**, He hears us … **we know that we have the requests** which we have asked from Him."*

Psalm 66:18

1 Peter 3:7

John 14:13, 15:7,16, 16:23

1 John 3:21-22

II.   THE SIN GOD NEVER FORGIVES vs. 16-17

*"If anyone sees his brother committing a sin **not leading to death**, he shall **ask** and God **will for him give life** to those who commit sin not leading to death. There **is a sin leading to death**; I do not say that he should **make request** for this."*

The Illustration — The Application (v. 16)

The Insight — The Acknowledgment (v. 17)

The Application — How does this apply to our lives?

Related to prayer …

Related to people …