



## The Final Words From John

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1 John 5:18-21

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**REVIEW** — Moving from condemnation to confidence!

*“By this we **know** ...”*

1. We know that we **are overcomers**. (vs. 1-5)
2. We know that we have believed **God’s testimony about Jesus**. (vs. 6-12)
3. We know that we have **eternal life**. (v. 13)
4. We know that God **answers prayer**. (vs. 14-17)

**INTRODUCTION** — How John Ends His Letter (vs. 18-21)

The Standard Openings/Closings of Books in the Bible — What is normally said?

Openings — *“To the church of God which is at ...”, “Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the church ...”, “to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in ...”, “From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the saints, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ, ...”*

Closings — *“Greet ...”, “The Churches of Asia greet you ...”, “Aquila and Prisca greet you ...”, “Greet one another with a holy kiss.”, “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.”, “Peace be to you all who are in Christ.”*

The Special Opening/Closing of John’s Letter — Why is it different?

2 John 1,13 *“The elder (John) to the **chosen/elect** lady and her **children** ...”, “**The children of your chosen sister** greet you.” (This is a letter to the **CHURCH**)*

3 John 1,15 *“The elder (John) to the beloved **Gaius** ...”, “Peace be to **you**, The friends greet **you** ...” (This is a letter to the **PASTOR**)*

1 John — Some things missing/ends abruptly. This is more like a **SERMON** or **COVER** letter.

LESSON — The Final Words From John 5:18-21

I. WE KNOW GOD'S WORK **PRESERVES** US — From Sinning v. 18

The Christian — “*We know that **no one who is born of God sins**; ...*”

The Confidence — “*... but **He who was born of God keeps him, and the evil one does not touch him.***”

**The Application** — This produces unshakeable confidence in our **WALK** (God governs us).

II. WE KNOW GOD'S WORK **PROTECTS** US — From Satan v. 19

The People — “*We know that **we are of God**, ...*”

The Power — “*... and the **whole world lies in the power** of the evil one.*”

**The Application** — This produces unshakeable confidence in our **WORLD** (God guards us).

III. WE KNOW GOD'S WORK **POINTS** US — To the Savior v. 20

The Revelation — “*We know that the **Son of God has come**, ...*”

The Result — “*... and has **given us understanding** so that **we may know Him** who is **true**; and we are in Him who is **true**, in His Son Jesus Christ.*”

**The Application** — This produces unshakeable confidence in our **WISDOM** (God grounds us).

**Conclusion** (v. 21) — Created to Worship ... Prone to Wonder!

*“Little children, guard yourselves from idols.”*