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“What Do You Know About That?!”

I John 5:18-21

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➤ Introduction

○ Review

- We’ve seen much about what it means to be a child of God in this study
- We began with affirmation concerning Christ (1:1)
- We saw affirmation of John as the human writer (1:2-4)
- The believer’s lifestyle involves some things (1:5-2:14)
- We have our temporary dwelling in the world (2:15-27)
 - Love not the world (2:15-17)
 - Beware of antichrists (2:18-27)
- Messages of instruction and blessing to God’s children (2:28-4:21)
- Here in chapter 5, we’ve been seeing final exhortations
 - The fact that faith is the victory, and obedient love is proof of faith (vv. 1-5)
 - Christ brings us eternal life (5:6-15)
- In this section we have been seeing that God’s children do not continue in sin (vv. 16-21)
- That it is a snare to the believer and eternal condemnation to the unsaved

○ We can know

- As mentioned, we can know that we have eternal life

- We can know that if we ask anything according to God's will, He heareth us
- There are some additional things in these verses that we can know
- We can know about sin
- We can know about the world and our place in it
- We can know some things Jesus can do for us
- We'll see those today as we consider "What do you know about that?!"

I. About Sonship and Sin (v. 18)

A. We Know

1. There are things God wants us to know
2. Things He has revealed in His _____
3. Regarding a number of different subjects
4. Things we can be sure of
5. Things we can absolutely count on
6. Completely and utterly true
7. And we can not only read about these things from God's Word, but we can know them

B. The individual

1. _____ is born of God
2. One who has placed their faith and trust in Christ
3. Anyone and everyone who is in God's family; no exceptions
4. You have not committed that sin unto death of unbelief and blasphemy against the Holy Ghost of God

5. 1 Peter 1:23.

6. John 1:12.

C. The _____

1. It is said that the child of God “sinneth not”

2. -eth ending

a) Indicates something that began in the past and continues to the present and presumably into the future

b) Indicates a habitual flagrant lifestyle of offense against God

3. Obvious or obscure?

a) One principle of Bible study/interpretation

b) Never interpret the obvious in light of the

c) Simply because a verse or passage *seems* to indicate something doesn't necessarily make it so

d) This verse may seem at its surface to be teaching sinless perfection

e) So you might find one or two verses that seem to teach something, but what does the rest of Scripture say?

f) 1 John 2:1.

g) 1 John 1:7.

1 John 1:9.

h) James 5:16.

i) Luke 11:4.

j) Romans 7:14-20

k) We are forgiven sinners, but our lifestyle shouldn't reflect that of sin any longer

- l) It may be true of those who have never been saved
- m) But a life of sin should never belong to the child of God

4. The _____ vigilance

- a) How does a believer keep from falling into a life of sin?
- b) From giving into temptation
- c) We see this person who is begotten of God
- d) Begotten - generated, born
- e) We are to "keep" ourselves
 - (1) That is to _____, to be watchful and cautious
 - (2) Proverbs 4:23.
 - (3) One way is by _____ — Philippians 4:6-7
 - (4) God's Word is vital — Deuteronomy 4:8-9
 - (5) James 1:27.
- f) 1 Thessalonians 5:5-6
- g) 1 Peter 1:13.
- h) 1 Peter 5:8.
- i) As we are God's, Satan has no more right to us
- j) He can't touch us; we no longer _____ to him
 - (1) Romans 6:8-11
 - (2) Galatians 2:20.
 - (3) Psalms 100:3.

D. We can be sons of God by _____

1. This means we no longer serve sin
2. We no longer revel in it
3. But we must be sober and vigilant to quench the fiery darts of the wicked
4. Ephesians 5:8-9

II. About the State of Affairs (v. 19)

A. We are _____ the world

1. “We know” some things definitely and in no uncertain terms
2. We see the idea of man’s depravity
3. This verse also tells us of the results of that depravity: a fallen creation
4. The whole world lieth in _____
5. Galatians 1:4.
6. Why else would John 3:16 say that “God so loved the world” unless it needed saving?
7. All of creation awaits the time when sin will no more plague it — Romans 8:22.
8. As a pig wallowing in the sty, so the whole world lies in wickedness
9. 2 Corinthians 4:4.
10. Ephesians 6:12.
11. 1 John 2:16.
12. Notice what else the believer knows

B. We are not _____ the world

1. We, the saved, are of God
2. Referring back to what we saw in verse 18; we are begotten
3. As He is, so are we to be — 1 John 4:17.

4. 1 Peter 1:15-16

5. We are in His family, so we should be different and stick out

6. Titus 2:14.

7. Philippians 2:15.

III. About the Son of God

A. And we know . . .

B. The Son is _____

1. The Son of God, God the Son

2. God in human flesh

3. Galatians 4:4-5

4. 1 Timothy 3:16.

C. The _____ is Given

1. It says here that God the Son has given us an understanding

2. Notice the specific article “an” indicating a particular type of understanding

3. We have been given and can get understanding in many areas

4. That process though _____ with this specific type of understanding

5. What is this specific understanding we are to grasp?

a) To know _____

(1) Not just know about Him

(2) Rather, it is to know Him in a personal way

(3) As a Friend, as a Saviour, and as a Father

(4) Matthew 7:21-23

(5) John 17:3. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

b) To know we are _____ Him

(1) Very closely related ideas

(2) Not only can we know about Him

(3) Not only can we know that we know Him as personal Lord and Saviour

(4) We can know that we are “in him”

(5) That we are _____ and secure free from ever losing our salvation in Him

(6) John 10:28-30

(7) Remember verse 13

6. Astonishing doctrine in the final phrase of this verse

a) Who is Jesus? The true _____

b) What does He offer? _____ life

c) Thus John confirms Christ’s divinity as God in flesh

(1) Isaiah 9:6.

(2) Isaiah 44:6.

(3) Isaiah 54:5.

(4) John 20:28.

(5) Acts 20:28.

(6) Titus 2:13.

(7) Hebrews 1:8.

d) We know from Scripture and have talked about how God offers eternal life

e) We have seen just from verses 11-13 that not only can we have life, we can know we have life based on God's _____ in the Bible

D. First place (v. 21)

1. Since He is the only true God
2. Since He is the only Way to eternal life (John 14:6)
3. We must remember we are His children; The sheep of His pasture
4. We must be wary and cautious against anyone or anything else taking _____ place in our lives
5. Don't just avoid them
6. 1 Corinthians 10:14. Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.
7. _____ FROM THEM!
8. Incredibly fitting summation
9. He is the Way; Don't just start with Him, continue *in* Him
10. Give Him first place