

LIVING RIGHT IN A WRONG WORLD
ABSOLUTE ASSURANCE
1 JOHN 5:13-21



The Heart of the Matter

Isn't it great to know something *for sure*? For example, to know that you are loved . . . to know that your physician found nothing suspicious following a thorough examination . . . to know that your son or daughter has now safely arrived back home following those long months in combat . . . or to know that you passed your final exams, having finished the academic requirements, and will soon receive your diploma at the commencement service. On the other hand, isn't it difficult to *not* know something *for sure*? Such as not knowing if the surgery removed all of the malignant cells . . . not knowing that your spouse is faithful . . . not knowing why your teenage daughter failed to return home last night . . . not knowing if you have enough fuel to make it to the next gas station . . . or not knowing where your wallet and keys are. It is very interesting that when John came to the end of his letter, he underscored the things every believer can know with *absolute assurance*.



Discovering the Way

1. The Reasons John Wrote with Such Passion

John was specific as to why he wrote his gospel (John 20:31) and his first letter (1 John 5:13).

2. The Things We Can Know with Complete Certainty (1 John 5:13-20)

John said we can know for certain that we have eternal life (5:13). We can pray and receive answers from God (5:14-17) about our spiritual life and supernatural deliverance (5:18), about our security and the world's predicament (5:19), and about Christ's identity and our position in Him (5:20).



Starting Your Journey

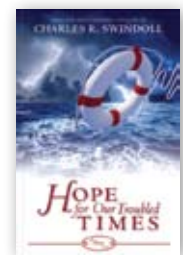
John ended his letter with a warning we must always remember (1 John 5:21): we must keep a keen eye on anything that might take the place of God in our lives—anything that we might hold on to too tightly.



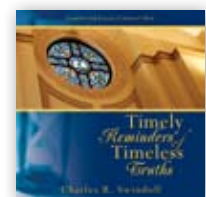
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