

Sincerely John



**LOVE THE
SINNER**



¹⁶ If you see any brother or sister commit a sin that does not lead to death, you should pray and God will give them life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that you should pray about that.

1 JOHN 5:16-21

¹⁷ All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death. ¹⁸ We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the One who was born of God keeps them safe, and the evil one cannot harm them.

1 JOHN 5:16-21

¹⁹ We know that we are children of God,
and that the whole world is under the
control of the evil one. ²⁰ We know also
that the Son of God has come and has
given us understanding, so that we may
know him who is true.

1 JOHN 5:16-21

And we are in him who is true by being
in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true
God and eternal life. ²¹ Dear children,
keep yourselves from idols.

1 JOHN 5:16-21

³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

JOHN 20:31

¹³ I write these things to you who believe
in the name of the Son of God so that
you may know that you have eternal life.

1 JOHN 5:13

The audience of the gospel is unbelievers – “that you may believe”. The audience of the first epistle is believers – “to you who believe”.



³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death
nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither
the present nor the future, nor any powers,
³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything
else in all creation, will be able to separate
us from the love of God that is in Christ
Jesus our Lord.

ROMANS 8:38-39

REASSURE WITH PRAYER



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1 JOHN 5:16-17

There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that you should pray about that. ¹⁷ All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death.

1 JOHN 5:16-17

When we see a fellow
believer sin, we should
pray for him or her.



¹⁷ All wrongdoing is sin.

1 JOHN 5:17

The grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ is available for sin that
does not lead to death



³¹ Every kind of sin and slander can be forgiven, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. ³² Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or the age to come.

MATTHEW 12:31-32

In the context of First John,
the Apostle John warned
against apostasy.



The apostate is one who used to believe, but no longer believes. They are a threat because they try to lead believers into unbelief.



**REASSURE WITH
KNOWLEDGE**



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1 JOHN 5:18-20

²⁰ We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

1 JOHN 5:18-20

WE KNOW that anyone
born of God does not
continue to sin.



Jesus keeps the believer
safe from the harm of evil.



But when you are tempted, he will
also provide a way out so that you
can endure it.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:13

WE KNOW that we are
children of God, and that
the whole world is under
the control of the evil one.



As it is, you do not belong to the world,
but I have chosen you out of the world.

MATTHEW 15:19

¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.

MATTHEW 17:15

WE KNOW also that the
Son of God has come and
has given us understanding,
so that we may know him
who is true.



It is possible for us to
have union with God
through Christ.



**REASSURE WITH
INSTRUCTION**



²¹ Dear children, keep yourselves
from idols.

1 JOHN 5:21

Do you have spiritual parents
and godly advisers in your
life? Who have you allowed
to address you as a child?



In the Old Testament, we think of idols of wood and stone. In the New Testament, we are to think of idols as the movements and counterfeit ideas created by false teachers or prophets.



“Reject the false and
embrace the real.”

– Dr. Danny Akin –



“Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

JOSHUA 24:15

²² If anyone does not love the Lord,
let that person be cursed!

1 CORINTHIANS 16:22

SERMON REVIEW:

- 1) ASSURE WITH PRAYER
- 2) ASSURE WITH KNOWLEDGE
- 3) ASSURE WITH INSTRUCTION

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