

Confidence before God
1 John 5:14-21

I. Confidence in Prayer – 5:14-17

We know that God answers prayer

1. Loving Father hears His children – 14-15
He gives us what He knows is best for us
So He responds according to His will for us
We can know that He will meet our need
2. He hears when we pray for others – 16-17
Encouraged to pray for a sinning brother
James also encourages us – James 5:16-20
There may be limits but this is the exception
God reserves right to do what is best for His
cause
In some cases it might mean death for the
sinner

II. Confidence in Temptation – 5:18,19

We know that God has provided for Victory

1. Born of God, with His nature – 2Pet.1:4
New nature from God does not sin – 1 Jn. 3:9
If we sin it is because we yield to old nature
2. God has provided for victory over Satan
Christ defeated him at the cross – Col. 2:13
3. No longer in Satan's realm – Eph. 2:1-6
We now live in God's kingdom
Christ in us is greater than Satan – 1 John 4:4
We do not need to yield to Satan's control

III. Confidence in Christ – 5:20, 21

We Know Christ is the answer to our needs

1. He is the incarnate Son of God
He became man to reconcile us to God
2. He has given us understanding
He is truth and has revealed God to us
We find truth in Jesus Christ
3. Have a personal relationship with Him
We are in Christ, intimate relationship with Him
4. In Christ we now know the True God
We have no need for idols or other gods
5. He has given to us eternal life
In Him is eternal life and we are in Him
6. Knowing the true God keeps us from idols
What is false has nothing to offer when we know
the True God and that which is true