

The Basis of Our Assurance
Study Outline – Grace Bible Chapel
1st John Study - emphasis on 1st John 5:10-13
Sunday – November 16th, 2025

CONTEXT: John completes the section I have titled in my outline, “Confident reliance on Christ” before moving into his explanation for his letter. He is nearing the end of his writing. What he summarizes is that all hope of eternal life is found in Christ alone. It is because of what He has done that we have the promise of an eternal future. Everything rests upon Jesus Christ. He has told us that all truly in Christ have the testimony of God within them that will be demonstrated in their sanctified living. Their lives are changed because of His residence. He makes the absolute divide of mankind by those who have Christ and those who do not have Christ. He then moves into the purpose of this letter (V 5:13). It is an inspired personal exam for each person naming the name of Christ. The earmarks of each issue John addresses define those who are of God and those who are not of God. No person can truly pass this exam, and thereby have assurance, without the work of God within them transforming their life. The standard John brings is not perfection, for that will not be achieved until glorification, but it is a life characterized by the matters addressed in this writing.

Outline of 1st John (underlined portion is the immediate context)

- II. The Reality of Fellowship with Christ (1:5- 5:12)
 - D. The Consequence of Fellowship (1st John 5:1-12)
 - 1. Conquering the world (1 John 5:1-4)
 - 2. Confident reliance on Christ (1 John 5:5-12)
 - 3. Conclusive purpose (1 John 5:13-15)

<i>Key Words & times used</i>
● God (6)
● Son (6)
● life (5)
● eternal (2)
● testimony (3)

Introduction:

2. Confident Reliance on Christ (1 John 5:5-12)

- V. 10 – Changed lives

- V. 11 – Confident future

- V. 12 – Contrast defined

3. Conclusive purpose (1 John 5:13-15)

Closing:
