

**Do Our Prayers Matter to God?**  
**Study Outline – Grace Bible Chapel**  
**1st John Study - emphasis on 1 John 5:14-15**  
*Sunday – December 14th, 2025*

**CONTEXT:** We left off last time in 1 John 5:13 where we are given the purpose of John’s writing, “That we may know we have eternal life.” John provides this important letter for personal examination of our relationship to the Lord based on whether we are reflecting God’s life in our personal sanctification. He now turns his attention on how our restored fellowship with God is seen in our prayer life. God has revealed His purpose to restore fellowship that was lost by Adam’s sin, but now gloriously regained in Christ. Our restored fellowship means we have restored communication with God. We are to be consecrated people of prayer and are commanded to pray without ceasing. John addresses the effectiveness of our prayers and whether God answers them. We will look at the importance of our prayers from the standpoint of God hearing and responding to us. We will discuss the question, do our prayers matter to God?

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

- I. The Reality of Fellowship with Christ (1:5- 5:12)
  - A. The Consequence of Fellowship (1<sup>st</sup> John 5:1-15)
    - 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)

<p><i>Key Words &amp; times used:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• knows (3)</li><li>• hears (2)</li><li>• asked</li><li>• confidence</li></ul>
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Introduction:

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

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- V. 13 – Consecrated Recipients

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- V. 14 – Confirmed He hears

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- V. 15 – Confident He answers

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Closing:

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