

# Blessed “We Know” Assurance

Grace Bible Chapel

1st John Study – 1 John 5:18-21

**Sunday – February 8, 2026**

CONTEXT: We reach the end of John’s first epistle which he has written for our personal examination to assure us of our glorious salvation (1 John 5:13). In wrapping up this unique letter John uses the phrase, “we know” four times in these last four verses. This phrase has been repeated by John throughout this epistle eighteen times. This is because it is a letter of assurance. Our study today will look particularly at these last four important “you know” phrases and also review with our studies how this repeated phrase was used to enforce the clarity of our assurance. Any one of these powerful phrases brings the infinite value of our salvation to our minds and hearts. We have learned that this letter is for concerned Christians to have a means of spiritual assurance and encouragement of our possession of salvation and for living the Christian life.

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

- A. The Reality of Fellowship with Christ (1:5- 5:12)
  - A. The Consequence of Fellowship (1<sup>st</sup> John 5:1-17)
  - B. The Concluding Perspective (1<sup>st</sup> John 5:18-21)

### Key Words/phrases & times used

- God (5)
- we know (4)
- who (4)
- true (3)
- born (2)

## Introduction:

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## B. 5:18-21 The Concluding perspective

### 1. V. 5:18 Protected by God

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### 2. V. 5:19 Position in Christ

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### 3. V. 5:20a Perception of truth

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### 4. V. 5:20b Perfect Union

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### 5. V. 5:21 Practical command

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## Conclusions:

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