Keys To Confidence

Greg Kline · 1 John 5:9–13

INTRODUCTION

- All that there is, all that there ever was, Christianity centers around Jesus the Christ.
- Are you equally confident and certain that you are going to be with God forever and eternity?
- God desires and expects that if we are his children, that we do believe in the testimony of his son, that we will have confidence.

1 God Offers Forgiveness

1 John 1:5–9; 1 John 2:1–2

- If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.
- If Jesus died for the sins of the whole world, that he died for me too.
- Jesus, the righteous, is the advocate of the Christians who have sinned.
- The first key to confidence is recognizing that God offers forgiveness. And so we should seek it out.

2 Be Willing to Keep God's Commandments

1 John 2:3–6; Romans 6; Matthew 7:13

- And by this we know that we have come to know him if we keep his commandments.
- Whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.
- If you are a Christian, John says, act like it. A Christian walks like the Christ.
- Maybe I don't have confidence this morning because I'm still calling the shots.
- Not that we have a license to sin, but rather we must make a commitment to rise above it.

3 Cut Sin Out of My Life

1 John 2:15–17; Romans 12:9

- Do not love the world or the things in the world.
- You're with God or you're with the world.
- The world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.
- And so, how do we do the will of God? Cut out the sin.
- It's better to enter into eternal life blind or lame than to have your whole body cast into hell.

4 Live a Life Consumed by Love

1 John 3:15–24; 1 John 4:7–12

- God's not asking us to do anything he hasn't done.
- Little children, let us not love in word or talk, but in deed and in truth.

- This is his commandment that we believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he has commanded us.
- Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
- This is not an option. This is a mandate of following after God.

5 The Victory That Has Overcome the World: Our Faith

1 John 5:1–5

- For this is the love of God that we keep his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome.
- This is the victory that has overcome the world, our faith.
- Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Know for certain God will heal you if you trust him enough to ask and sacrifice in love.**

MY NOTES