

Be Sure of Answered Prayer

1 John 5.13-21

1. The Assurance

God wants us to Enjoy, vs 11-13

- **The key to certainty v13**
believe = personal commitment to Jesus Christ
- **The key question**
have we received Jesus?
John 5.24; 1.12-13; 6.47,37-40
- **The basis of our confidence**
God's gift to us Eph 2.8-9
- **The nature of God's gift**
his own life, living within us v11
by his Holy Spirit v18
- **The tangible evidence of new life**
moral: obedience to God's commands 2.3

social: love for God's people 3.14
doctrinal: hunger for God's truth
3.24; 2.14

2. The Confidence

we can know in Prayer, vs 14-15

- ***confidence in approaching God***
thanks to Jesus' atoning death
for our sins 2.1-12; Heb 10.19-
20
no fear of punishment 4.18
acceptance as God's children 4.17
- ***confidence in making requests***
answered, if in God's will
study God's Word to discover
God's Will and Ways
John 15.7; Rom 12.2; Is 55.8-9

3. The Compassion we should

show in Prayer, vs16-17

- ***intercede for the failing, faltering***
Lk 22.31-32; 1 Thess 5.22; Col 4.2

- **'the sin that leads to death'**
 - **all wrongdoing is sin v17**
 - **all sin is deadly 1.6,8; Rom 6.23**
 - **all sin can be forgiven 1.9**
 - **'terminal' sin is denying Jesus is the Christ 2.18-22;3-4; Mat 12.28-32; Heb 6.4-6**
there's no forgiveness without accepting Jesus
John 3.18-21; 8.24

4. The Concern we must have **in Prayer, vs16-17**

our own personal holiness

- **the context in which we live v19**
a world controlled by Satan
- **the challenge we face v21**
nothing must usurp God's place
- **the cover we enjoy v18,20**
secure in Christ John 10.27-29
John 17.12,15; Jude 24-25