

Confidence in Salvation and Prayer (vv. 13-15)

VERSE 13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son**of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life** (Ταῦτα ἔγραψα ὑμῖν ἵνα

εἰδῆτε ὅτι ζωὴν ἔχετε αἰώνιον, τοῖς πιστεύουσιν εἰς τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ υἱοῦ τοῦ θεοῦ.

*[pro.acc.nt.pl. houtos + aor.act.ind.1s. grapho + pro.dat.p. su + conj hina so that +**pf.act.ind.2p. ginosko + conj. hoti + noun acc.f.s. zoe life + pres.act.ind.2p. echo have +**adj.acc.f.s. aionios eternal + d.a.w/pres.act.part. dat.p. pisteuo + prep eis in + d.a.w/noun**acc.nt.s. onoma name + d.a.w/noun gen.m.s. huios + d.a.w/noun gen.m.s. theos]).***VERSE 14 This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask****anything according to His will, He hears us** (καὶ αὕτη ἐστὶν ἡ παρρησία ἣν ἔχομεν πρὸςαὐτόν ὅτι ἐάν τι αἰτώμεθα κατὰ τὸ θέλημα αὐτοῦ ἀκούει ἡμῶν *[conj kai + pro.nom.f.s. aute**this + pres.act.ind.3s. eimi + d.a.w/noun nom.f.s. parresia confidence + rel.pro.acc.f.s. hos**which + pres.act.ind.1p. echo have + prep pros before + pro.acc.m.s. autos + conj hoti that +**part. ean if + pro.acc.nts. tis anything + pres.act.subj.1p. aiteo ask + prep kata according +**d.a.w/noun acc.nt.s. thelema will + pro.gen.m.s. autos + pres.act.ind.3s. akouo hear + pro.gen.p.**ego]).***VERSE 15 And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we****have the requests which we have asked from Him** (καὶ ἐὰν οἴδαμεν ὅτι ἀκούει ἡμῶν ὃἐὰν αἰτώμεθα, οἴδαμεν ὅτι ἔχομεν τὰ αἰτήματα ἃ ἠτήκαμεν ἀπ' αὐτοῦ *[conj kai + part. ean if +**pf.act.ind.1p. oida know + conj hoti + pres.act.ind.3s. akouo + pro.gen.p. ego + rel.pro.acc.nt.s.**hos "whatever" + part. ean "may" + pres.mid.subj. 1p. aiteo ask + pf.act.ind.1p. oida + conj**hoti + pres.act.ind.1p. echo + d.a.w/noun acc.nt.p. aitema request + rel.pro.acc.nt.p. hos which**+ pf.act.ind.1p. aiteo ask + prep apo from + pro.abl.m.s. autos]).*

ANALYSIS: VERSES 13-15

1. Once again John informs the recipients of his reasons for writing this letter.
2. In chapter two verses 13 and 14 John provides three categories of believers his reasons for writing to them.
3. In 2:26 he provides one of the purposes for writing them, namely to protect them from those who are trying to deceive them.
4. Here, as in his gospel (Jn. 20:31) John presents his reason in light of the salvation adjustment.
5. Again, he writes to believers who were grounded in the faith (2:21), and who were under spiritual attack from outsiders.
6. As noted in v. 13 it is of the utmost importance that those who have believed in the Son of God for salvation have confidence that they possess eternal life.
7. In this letter John presents ways to strengthen one's confidence in this regard.
8. They include: (a) maintaining fellowship to the end of Ph2 so as to have confidence at the Bema Seat (2:28); (b) willingness to help another believer with a living grace need (3:21); maintaining love (FHS) to the end so that confidence will persist to the Bema (4:17).
9. The overall theme of this letter is ways to build one's confidence.
10. His exhortations to love one another (2:7-11p 3:10-24); 4:7-21; 5:3); and to keep God's commandments (2:3-6; 3:22-23; 4:21; 5:3); and practicing righteousness and avoiding lusts (2:1, 15-16; 3:4-12; 5:21).
11. Another very essential area of confidence is confidence in intercessory prayer.
12. John repeats this aspect of prayer from 3:21-22.
13. In Jn. 15:7 the condition is tied to the FHS and to the intake of BD.
14. Confidence in our prayer petitions requires that any petition is in accord with "His will."
15. If there is any doubt regarding a request it should be qualified by "not by will but Your will be done."
16. "If we ask" is a 3rd class condition.
17. Unanswered prayer is due to the fact that the thing prayed for is not the will of God for the believer.
18. Prayers are not honored if there is a lack of faith or if they arise from the lust pattern.
19. Failure to ask is another reason believers are denied certain blessings (Jam. 15-6).
20. When we follow the proper protocol for prayer we have inner assurance that our prayers are heard.
21. Then we wait for the answer.
22. The doctrine of prayer makes all this clear.
23. All of our concerns should be cast on Him (1 Pet. 5:7).
24. Prayer is a way to alleviate anxiety (Phil 4:6-7).
25. The confident believer knows that God hears him (v. 15:a; 1st class) and know that God will answer his petitions (v. 15a).
26. We need to pray for our prayer content.