

Light, Life and Love: A Series in 1 John
Reassurance and Faith
1 John 5:13-21

“I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.”

1 John 5:13

Main Point: God’s desire is a faith that flourishes.

“And this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith.”

1 John 5:4

Genuine Christians are not defeated by the world’s sin and hostility.

Faith flourishes...

1. When we believe (5:13)

Belief in Jesus brings:

- Fellowship with the Father (1:3)
- A substitute for our sins (2:1-2)
- Forgiveness of sins (2:12)
- The Holy Spirit (2:27; 4:2, 13)

2. When we ask for things in God's will (5:14-15)

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives...”

Matthew 7:7, 8a

Faith that flourishes asks for God's will,
not my will, to be done.

3. When sin is forgiven (5:16-17)

Sin not leading to death...

- Is forgivable sin, because forgiveness is sought
- God is willing to forgive

Sin leading to death...

- Is unrepentant, unconfessed sin
- Is rejecting the true doctrine about Jesus

4. When we forsake sin (5:18-19)

“No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him...”

1 John 3:9

5. In the truth (5:20-21)

“If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.”

1 John 1:6