

That You Might Know and Walk in Belief

I write this to you who believe in the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life.

1 John 5:13 (NLT)

Prayer Focus: The Apostle John wanted followers of Christ to know with certainty that they had eternal life. He wrote his words of assurance to the Church because he knew the dangers of deception and confusion. Earlier he warned about false prophets, as well as the need for love to be an identifying characteristic of true believers. (1 John 4). John walked with Jesus and knew the truth of His resurrection, and so John wanted those he loved to walk in the same absolute belief. John's use of the word "believe" is not simply some intellectual assent to a group of facts about Jesus. John had in mind a deep trust and reliance upon Jesus as the only Savior from sin. It is not an assent to a set of religious terms or teachings, but rather a solid trust in a person – Jesus Christ – as supremely reliable and worthy of our faith. Our assurance of eternal life is not based on our ability to believe, but on the solid ground of the person, character, and work of the Lord Jesus Christ. John had this personal confidence, and he desired that all who follow Christ might walk in freedom from doubt. *That you may know* is a promise you can abandon yourself to without fear or reservation. What an incredible Savior who assures us of eternal life when we repent and believe in Him!

Day 1: Praise the Lord for the confidence you can have in Jesus.

Day 2: Tell the Lord that you absolutely believe and trust Him with your eternal future.

Day 3: Reaffirm your trust in Jesus' perfect saving work.

Day 4: Ask the Lord to give you absolute confidence in Him – even when the world tries to deceive or bring confusion.

Day 5: Pray for those who wrestle with their ability to trust in Christ – that they might find assurance in Him.

Day 6: Pray that believers in your church will walk in this kind of absolute assurance of belief in Christ.

Day 7: Pray that believers in your community will speak out the name of Jesus with confidence of salvation!

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