

Series "Following After God"
"The Certainties of Life"
1 John 5:18-21
Study-17

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The word **"true"** is used 3X in 1 John 5:20

- 1. Verse 18 – The Certainty - Victory Over Sin**
- 2. Verse 19 – The Certainty - We Belong To God**
- 3. Verses 20-21 – The Certainty - Jesus Is The True God**

1. Verse 18 – The Certainty - Victory Over Sin:

1 John 5:18

We know; John says this 4X in these closing verses. 1 John 5:18, 19, 20

We know – an intuitive knowledge "an inner knowledge, to know as a matter of fact"

1 John 5:16-17

1 John 5:1

John 3:6

There are 2 Types of People:

1. The Unconverted: The Nature Received Through Adam at Birth:
2. The Converted: The Nature Received Through Faith in Jesus Christ:

We know that no one who is born of God sins; sins – Greek present tense means, "We know that no one who is born of God keeps on sinning"

Sin is Incompatible with the Work of Christ: 1 John 3:5

Sin is Incompatible with the New Nature in Christ: 1 John 3:6

1 John 3:8

Sin is Incompatible with the Work of the Holy Spirit: 1 John 3:9

A Pattern of Righteousness Characterizes the Christian: 1 John 3:10

but He who was born of God keeps him; note – “He” this is speaking about Jesus.

keeps – “to watch over so as to preserve and protect”

Luke 22:31-32

1 Cor. 10:13

James 4:7

touch – “to get a hold on” the enemy may touch but cannot lay hold of the child of God.

John 10:27-29

The Certainty - Victory Over Sin: born of God

2. Verse 19 – The Certainty - We Belong To God:

1 John 5:19

Those That Belong To God: We know that we are of God,

we are of God; literally “out of God we are”; We are the children of God!

1. Maintaining Fellowship: (Walk in the Light)
2. Maintaining Truth: (Jesus is God, The Bible Final Authority)
3. Maintaining Righteousness: (Lifestyle of Growing Obedience)
4. Maintaining Love: (Growing in Love, more loving)
5. Maintaining Assurance: (Secure in Jesus Christ)

Those That Belong To Satan: and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

whole world lies – “to be laid up, to lie outstretched”

Eph 2:1-3

Note: There is no Neutrality when it comes to Jesus Christ:

Luke 11:23

James 4:4

The Certainty - We Belong To God: we are of God,

3. Verses 20-21 – The Certainty - Jesus Is The True God:

1 John 5:20

Note that the word “true” is used 3X in this passage.

John has called his readers back to the truth about the real Jesus:

1 John 1:6

This World is filled with Satan’s lies. Reality is exclusively found in and through the Person of Jesus Christ!

John Gives 3 Facts About, “Jesus The True God”

1. The Son of God Has Come:

we know – “We know with soul-conviction which allows no debate”

The knowing-faith is the normal result of the saving-faith.

has come, “Is come” stressing Jesus Christ presence now!
Literally, “He has come and is here, or still here”

John 8:42 (“I am here, Here I am”)

Matt 28:20

2. Jesus Grants Understanding Leading to the True God:

given us “fully given and still a present possession”

understanding, “deep thought, the faculty of the mind or its exercise”

1 John 2:20

true – “signifies what is real, perfect, and substantial, as contrasted with what is fanciful, shadowy, counterfeit, or merely symbolic”

3. United With Jesus Means Being United With God:

John 10:30

Eternal Life - Salvation Through Jesus - This is the true God and eternal life.

The Certainty - Jesus Is The True God:

1 John 5:21

1 Peter 5:14

2 Peter 3:18

Jude 1:25

Ex 20:3-4

from idols - "An idol is anything that takes the rightful place of God in ones heart and life; It is a substitute for the true and living God"

An idol is to embrace all false concepts of God.

Col 2:8

Application:

1. The Certainty - Victory Over Sin:
2. The Certainty - We Belong To God:
3. The Certainty - Jesus Is The True God: