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Title: Assurance: Launch Pad for Righteous Living

Title: "Confidence in the Face of Conflict"

Text: 1 John 5:13-21

INTRODUCTION:

1. I like being around people who _____ what they're doing. Don't you? There was this photographer for a national magazine. . . .
2. Life in this fallen world is filled with _____, few guarantees and little that can be depended on.
3. The Bible proclaims _____ truth. This world needs Christians who know what they believe. In this passage, the word "know" appears seven times. Also 1 Jn 2:3, 5; 3:24; 4:13; 5:22.

CERTAINTY #1: _____ (vs. 13)

1. _____
Basing our relationship with *God* on our performance.
2. _____
Being more focused on our sin than on *God's* grace.
3. _____
Basing our view of *God* on our changing feelings and emotions.

CERTAINTY #2: _____ (vss. 14-17)

1. _____ (lit. _____)
Every true prayer is a variation on the theme "your will be done." Warren Wiersbe: "The purpose of prayer is not to get man's will done in heaven, but *God's* will done on earth."
2. _____
 - A. Jesus _____ it **to** us.
 - B. Jesus _____ it **for** us.

3. _____ (specifically; verses 16-17)

CERTAINTY #3: _____ (vs. 18)

1. The Christian is _____ - _____ (18a)

No one who has been "born again" ... is "partaker of the divine nature" ... goes on living in an unbroken patten of sin.

2. The Christian is _____ - _____ (18b)

CERTAINTY #4: _____ (vs. 19)

1. Only two spheres:

A. _____ of God (cp. 1 John 3:1)

B. _____ under _____ rule (Eph. 2:1-3)

2. Response?

A. _____

B. _____ (Rom. 12:1-2)

C. _____ (seeing with new eyes; Mt. 9:35-38)

CERTAINTY #5: _____ **IS THE** _____ **GOD** (vss. 20-21)

1. _____ (vs. 20a)

2. _____ (vs. 20b)

3. _____ (vs. 20c)

4. _____ (vs. 21)