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1 John 5:11-13 (ESV)

¹¹ And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³ 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.

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1 John 5:14-15 (ESV)

¹⁴ And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

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1John 5:16-17 (ESV)

¹⁶ If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God will give him life—to those who commit sins that do not lead to death.

There is sin that leads to death; I do not say that one should pray for that. ¹⁷ All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that does not lead to death.

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1 John 5:18-21 (ESV)

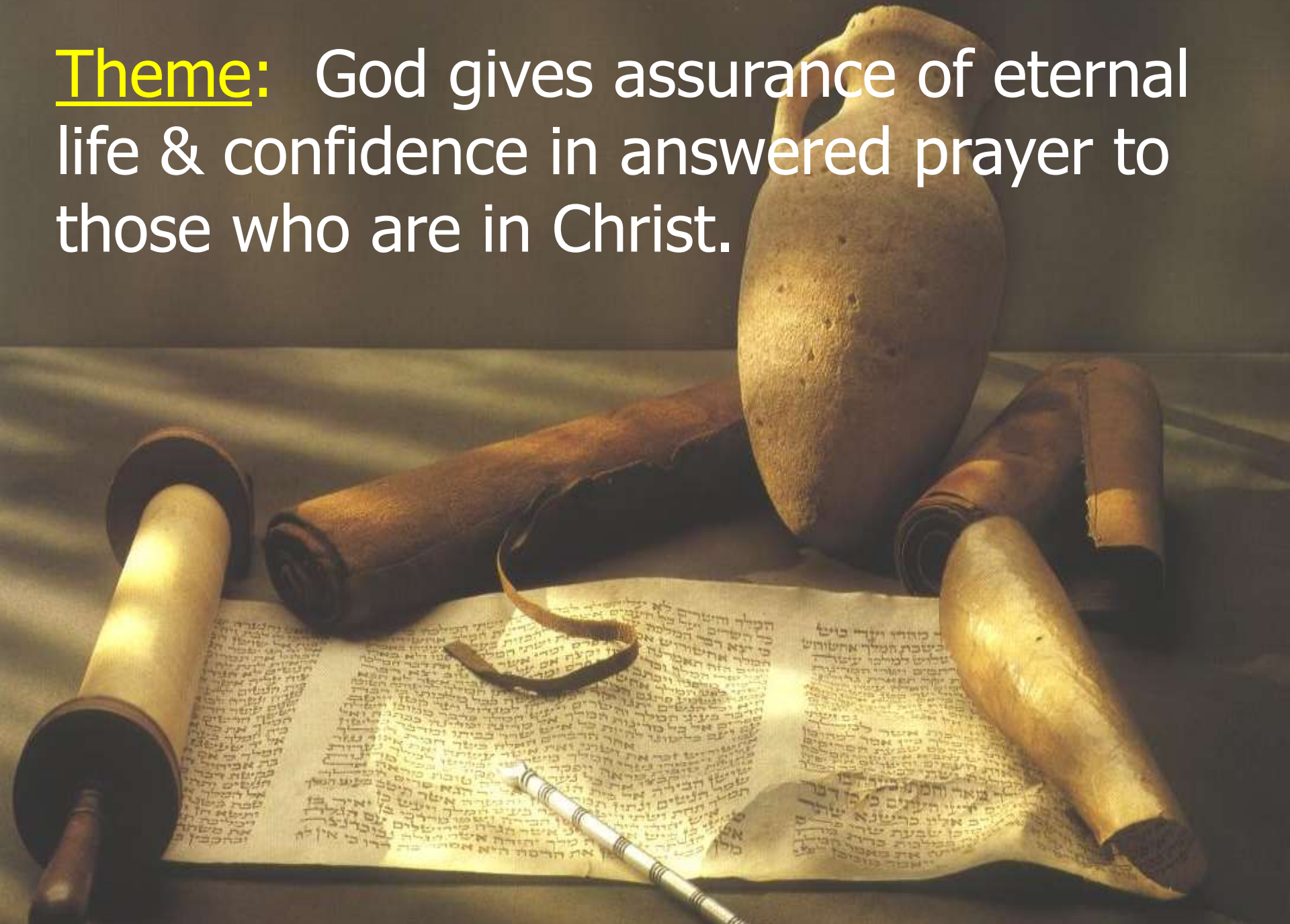
¹⁸ We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him. ¹⁹ We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. ²⁰ And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

²¹ Little children, keep yourselves from idols.



Living with Confidence
1 John 5:11-21

Theme: God gives assurance of eternal life & confidence in answered prayer to those who are in Christ.



Assurance & Confidence (5:11-17)

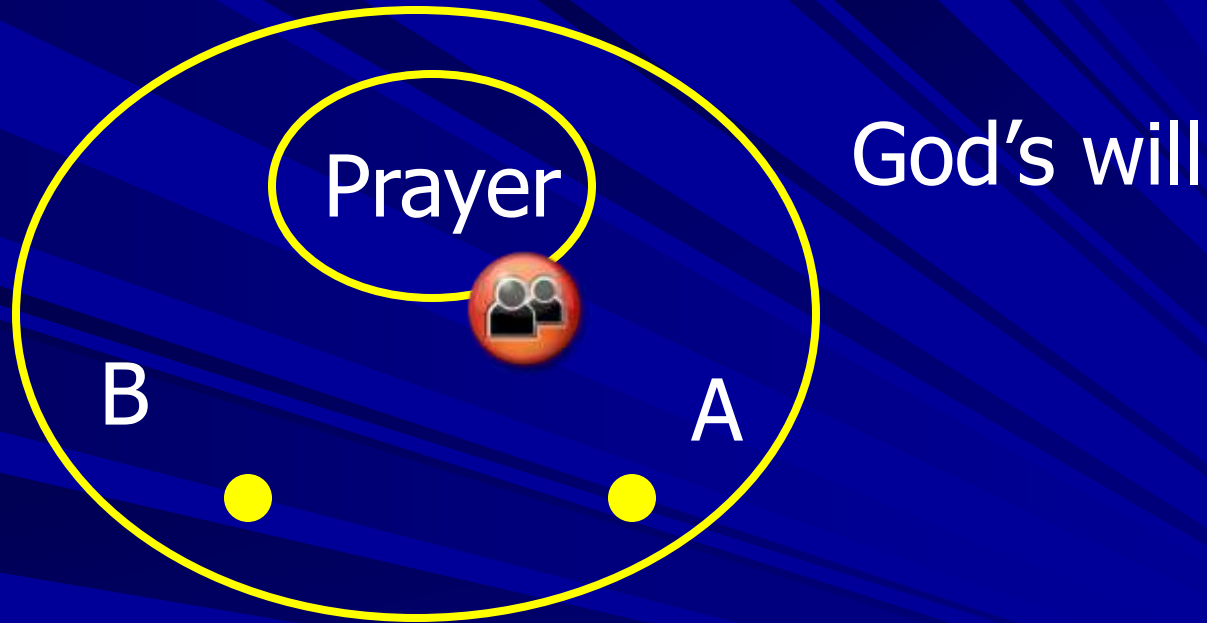
■ Assurance of eternal life (11-13)

- “...God gave us eternal life...in His Son”
- “I write these things to you
- who believe into the name of the Son of God
- that you may know that you have eternal life.” (13)

Assurance & Confidence (5:11-17)

- Confidence toward Him in prayer.
- He hears us if we ask according to His will.
- If we know He hears us we know we have what we ask for.
- Questions about prayer:
 - Q. So why don't I have "it"?
 - A. See James 4:3, John 14:3
 - Q. Why should I pray if it isn't going to change His mind.
 - A. ...

Prayer is how God carries out His will.



Assurance & Confidence (5:11-17)

- Q. How do I know what is in His will?
- A. He will always answer these prayers
 - 1 Thes 4:3 This is the will of God, your sanctification.
 - James 1:5 Wisdom
 - Matt 9:37 For laborers
 - 1Jn. 2:1,2 For our Advocate to defend us
 - Eph. 1:16-20 Enlightenment, hope, power
 - Phil. 1:9-11 love, discernment, approve excellent
 - Col. 1:10 Walk worthy of the Lord

Assurance & Confidence (5:11-17)

- Intercession for a sinning brother (16,17) helps us become channels of His grace to others. 1Cor 6:9-11; Gal 6:1

Conclusion & Application

- Three things “we know”
 - No one born of God keeps on sinning. (18)
 - There is a great division between God & His & Satan & his. (19)
 - That the Son of God has come and that we may know Him and be in Him what is true.
 - He is the true God and eternal life. (20)
- Keep yourselves from idols! ie. Wrong conceptions, substitutes or distractions.