

That You May Know (A Study of 1st John)
Confident Before God: What Does It Look Like? (1 John 3:21-24)

1 John 5:13—¹³I 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 3:19-20—¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.

1 John 3:21—²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God;

1. Confident Before God: What Does It Look Like? It Looks Like Prayer!

1 John 3:22—²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.

1 John 5:14-15—¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

2. Confident Before God: What Does It Look Like? It Looks Like Belief!

1 John 3:23—²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

3. Confident Before God: What Does It Look Like? It Looks Like Obedience!

1 John 3:22-24a—²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him.

4. Confident Before God: What Does It Look Like? It Looks Like Abiding!

1 John 3:24—²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

1 John 4:15—Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.