

CORE CHRISTIANITY

LESSON 16: Assurance, Confidence and Concern

Text: 1 John 5:13-17

Introduction

I. The Burden of the Letter

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.

- Assurance

II. The Believer's Approach to Prayer

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.

- Confidence

III. The Brother to Pray for

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.

- Concern

"...the sin that leads to death;" – 4 Possibilities

- *A Specific Sin*
- *Apostasy*
- *Physical death of believers who persist in sin*
- *Rejection of the Gospel*

Conclusion