

BOOK OF 1 JOHN
Lesson #18 -Our Confidence
Scripture Reading: 1John 5:13-15

Introduction:

1. John had to fight the Gnostics who denied Jesus in the flesh. However, He is our confidence!
2. It is in Christ that we have great confidence.

I. CONFIDENCE OF OUR SALVATION

A. NOT BASED ON FEELING

1. Feelings are misleading -Pr 14:12; Je 10:23
2. We can have a good feeling upon our obedience to the gospel, but our salvation is based on God's word, not a feeling.

B. NOT BASED ON MAN'S WORD

1. Men can deceive -1Ki 13:1-ff
2. We always lean to the word of God! -Ac 17:11

II. CONFIDENCE IN PRAYER

A. WE ASK ACCORDING TO HIS WILL

1. Some ask for the wrong reason -Ja 4:1-ff
2. His will is defined in Scripture
3. Jesus prayer in the garden -Mt 26:39
4. Ask, Seek, and Knock -Mt 7:7-11

B. WE KNOW HE HEARS US

1. He may not answer as we expect
2. He may say, "Yes", "No", or "Not yet". We must trust Him
3. E.g Paul's thorn in the flesh -2Co 12:7-10

Conclusion:

1. The confidence we have in Christ is greater than anything else the world has to offer.
2. Therefore, let us hold fast to it. READ: Hebrews 10:35