

First John 5:13-21

1. The closing of the book.
2. The restatement of John’s purpose for writing: “That you may know that you have eternal life.”
3. Believers may know their prayers are heard and answered.
4. John restates his main points:

First John 5:13 – “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.”

3778 [e]	1125 [e]	4771 [e]	2443 [e]	1492 [e]	3754 [e]	2222 [e]	2192 [e]	166 [e]	3588 [e]
Tauta	egrapsa	hymin	hina	eidēte	hoti	zōēn	echete	aiōnion	tois
13 Ταῦτα	ἔγραψα	ὑμῖν	ἵνα	εἰδῆτε	ὅτι	ζωῆν	ἔχετε	αἰώνιον	, τοῖς
These things	have I written	to you	so that	you may know	that	life	you have	eternal	to those
DPro-ANP	V-AIA-1S	PPro-D2P	Conj	V-RSA-2P	Conj	N-AFS	V-PIA-2P	Adj-AFS	Art-DMP

4100 [e]	1519 [e]	3588 [e]	3686 [e]	3588 [e]	5207 [e]	3588 [e]	2316 [e]	2532 [e]	2443 [e]	4100 [e]	
pisteuousin	eis	to	onoma	tou	Huiou	tou	Theou	kai	hina	pisteuēte	
πιστεύουσιν	εἰς	τὸ	ὄνομα	τοῦ	Υἱοῦ	τοῦ	Θεοῦ	·	καὶ	ἵνα	πιστεύητε
believing	in	the	name	of the	Son	-	of God	and	that	you may believe	
V-PPA-DMP	Prep	Art-ANS	N-ANS	Art-GMS	N-GMS	Art-GMS	N-GMS	Conj	Conj	V-PSA-2P	

1519 [e]	3588 [e]	3686 [e]	3588 [e]	5207 [e]	3588 [e]	2316 [e]
eis	to	onoma	tou	huiou	tou	theou
εἰς	τὸ	ὄνομα	τοῦ	υἱοῦ	τοῦ	θεοῦ
on	the	name	of the	Son	-	of God
Prep	Art-ANS	N-NNS	Art-GMS	N-GMS	Art-GMS	N-GMS

1. Purpose of writing the Gospel was also given – John 20:31
2. Corrupted teaching and additional philosophies had led John’s believers to wonder if they really had eternal life. John says, “Yes.”
3. Eternal life is in Jesus Christ, the Son of God
4. Note “life” and “eternal” are separated in the Greek which adds emphasis.

First John 5:14 – “And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.”

2532 [e]	3778 [e]	1510 [e]	3588 [e]	3954 [e]	3739 [e]	2192 [e]	4314 [e]	846 [e]	3754 [e]	1437 [e]	
Kai	hautē	estin	hē	parrēsia	hēn	echomen	pros	auton	hoti	ean	
14 Καὶ	αὕτη	ἐστὶν	ἡ	παρρησία	ἣν	ἔχομεν	πρὸς	αὐτόν	,	ὅτι	ἐάν
And	this	is	the	confidence	that	we have	toward	Him	that	if	
Conj	DPro-NFS	V-PIA-3S	Art-NFS	N-NFS	RelPro-AFS	V-PIA-1P	Prep	PPro-AM3S	Conj	Conj	

Preposition

5100 [e]	154 [e]	2596 [e]	3588 [e]	2307 [e]	846 [e]	191 [e]	1473 [e]	
ti	aitōmetha	kata	to	thelēma	autou	akouei	hēmōn	
τι	αἰτώμεθα	κατὰ	τὸ	θέλημα	αὐτοῦ	,	ἀκούει	ἡμῶν .
anything	we might ask	according to	the	will	of Him	He hears	us	
IPro-ANS	V-PSM-1P	Prep	Art-ANS	N-ANS	PPro-GM3S	V-PIA-3S	PPro-G1P	

1. Result of believing is confidence before God. Here, it is in prayer.
2. Conditions:
 - a. Remain in Jesus and his words remain in you (John 15:7)
 - b. offered in the name of Jesus (John 14:13; 15:16; 16:23-26)
 - c. Accepting God's will as Jesus did in Mark 14:36
3. God's will does not need to be seen as specific and static as if every detail is foreordained and destined to happen. If we consider God's general will, then our prayers and how we achieve his will are highly depended upon us.

First John 5:15 – “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.”

2532 [e]	1437 [e]	1492 [e]	3754 [e]	191 [e]	1473 [e]	3739 [e]	1437 [e]	154 [e]	1492 [e]	3754 [e]		
kai	ean	oidamen	hoti	akouei	hēmōn	ho	ean	aitōmetha	oidamen	hoti		
15 καὶ	ἐάν	οἶδαμεν	ὅτι	ἀκούει	ἡμῶν	,	ὃ	ἐάν	αἰτώμεθα	,	οἶδαμεν	ὅτι
And	if	we know	that	He hears	us	whatever	if	we might ask	we know	that		
Conj	Conj	V-RIA-1P	Conj	V-PIA-3S	PPro-G1P	RelPro-ANS	Conj	V-PSM-1P	V-RIA-1P	Conj		

2192 [e]	3588 [e]	155 [e]	3739 [e]	154 [e]	575 [e]	846 [e]
echomen	ta	aitēmata	ha	ētēkamen	ap'	autou
ἔχομεν	τὰ	αἰτήματα	ἃ	ἤτήκαμεν	ἀπ'	αὐτοῦ .
we have	the	requests	that	we have asked	from	Him
V-PIA-1P	Art-ANP	N-ANP	RelPro-ANP	V-RIA-1P	Prep	PPro-GM3S

1. We pray now knowing that things have changed. The answer or the results of our prayer are still future.
2. God provides the empowerment and the gifts now to fulfill our requests in the future

First John 5:16 – “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.”

1437 [e]	5100 [e]	3708 [e]	3588 [e]	80 [e]	846 [e]	264 [e]	266 [e]	3361 [e]	4314 [e]
Ean	tis	idē	ton	adelphon	autou	hamartanonta	hamartian	mē	pros
16 Ἐάν	τις	ἴδῃ	τὸν	ἀδελφὸν	αὐτοῦ	ἁμαρτάνοντα	ἁμαρτίαν	μὴ	πρὸς
If	anyone	should see	the	brother	of him	sinning	a sin	not	unto
Conj	IPro-NMS	V-ASA-3S	Art-AMS	N-AMS	PPro-GM3S	V-PPA-AMS	N-AFS	Adv	Prep

2288 [e]	154 [e]	2532 [e]	1325 [e]	846 [e]	2222 [e]	3588 [e]	264 [e]	3361 [e]	4314 [e]
thanaton	aitēsei	kai	dōsei	autō	zōēn	tois	hamartanousin	mē	pros
θάνατον	, αἰτήσει	, καὶ	δώσει	αὐτῷ	ζωῆν	, τοῖς	ἁμαρτάνουσιν	μὴ	πρὸς
death	he shall ask	and	He will give	him	life	to those	sinning	not	unto
N-AMS	V-FIA-3S	Conj	V-FIA-3S	PPro-DM3S	N-AFS	Art-DMP	V-PPA-DMP	Adv	Prep

2288 [e]	1510 [e]	266 [e]	4314 [e]	2288 [e]	3756 [e]	4012 [e]	1565 [e]	3004 [e]	2443 [e]	
thanaton	estin	hamartia	pros	thanaton	ou	peri	ekeinēs	legō	hina	
θάνατον	. ἔστιν	ἁμαρτία	πρὸς	θάνατον	;	οὐ	περὶ	ἐκείνης	λέγω	ἵνα
death	There is	a sin	unto	death	not	concerning	that	do I say	that	
N-AMS	V-PIA-3S	N-NFS	Prep	N-AMS	Adv	Prep	DPro-GFS	V-PIA-1S	Conj	

2065 [e]
erōtēsē
ἐρωτήσῃ .
he should implore
V-ASA-3S

1. Sin that can be forgiven is the sins of believers failing and giving into temptation. Pray for your fellow believers.
2. Sin that leads to death is the sins of the unbeliever that have been mentioned in this book and are not the sins of a believer:
 - a. Denial of Jesus
 - b. Refusal to obey God's commands
 - c. Loving the world and the things in the world
 - d. Hatred of the believing brothers

First John 5:17 – “All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that does not lead to death. All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that does not lead to death.”

3956 [e]	93 [e]	266 [e]	1510 [e]	2532 [e]	1510 [e]	266 [e]	3756 [e]	4314 [e]	2288 [e]
pasa	adikia	hamartia	estin	kai	estin	hamartia	ou	pros	thanaton
17 πᾶσα	ἀδικία	ἁμαρτία	ἐστίν	, καὶ	ἔστιν	ἁμαρτία	οὐ	πρὸς	θάνατον
All	unrighteousness	sin	is	and	there is	sin	not	unto	death
Adj-NFS	N-NFS	N-NFS	V-PIA-3S	Conj	V-PIA-3S	N-NFS	Adv	Prep	N-AMS

First John 5:18 – “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.”

1492 [e]	3754 [e]	3956 [e]	3588 [e]	1080 [e]		1537 [e]	3588 [e]	2316 [e]	3756 [e]	264 [e]
Oidamen	hoti	pas	ho	gegennēmenos	ek	tou	Theou	ouch	hamartanei	
18 Οἶδαμεν	ὅτι	πᾶς	ὁ	γεγεννημένος	ἐκ	τοῦ	Θεοῦ	οὐχ	ἁμαρτάνει ,	
We know	that	everyone	-	having been born	of	-	God	not	continues to sin	
V-RIA-1P	Conj	Adj-NMS	Art-NMS	V-RPM/P-NMS	Prep	Art-GMS	N-GMS	Adv	V-PIA-3S	

235 [e]	3588 [e]	1080 [e]		1537 [e]	3588 [e]	2316 [e]	5083 [e]	846 [e]	2532 [e]	3588 [e]	4190 [e]
all'	ho	gennētheis		ek	tou	Theou	tērei	auton	kai	ho	ponēros
ἀλλ'	ὁ	γεννηθεῖς		ἐκ	τοῦ	Θεοῦ	τηρεῖ	αὐτόν ,	καὶ	ὁ	πονηρὸς
but	the [One]	having been begotten	of	-	God	protects	him	and	the	evil [one]	
Conj	Art-NMS	V-APP-NMS	Prep	Art-GMS	N-GMS	V-PIA-3S	PPro-AM3S	Conj	Art-NMS	Adj-NMS	

3756 [e]	680 [e]	846 [e]
ouch	haptetai	autou
οὐχ	ἅπτεται	αὐτοῦ .
not	does touch	him
Adv	V-PIM-3S	PPro-GM3S

1. 5:13, John wrote: “I write these things to you so that you may know.” Now he begins to identify in a series three things that we know to be Christian facts:
 - a. Anyone who is born of God does on commit sin (5:18)
 - b. Mankind is divided into two groups: believers delivered from sin by Jesus and unbelievers who remain under the control of the world (5:19)
 - c. God’s Son has come into this dark, hopeless world to bring Truth, Light and Life (5:20)

First John 5:19 – “We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.”

1492 [e]	3754 [e]	1537 [e]	3588 [e]	2316 [e]	1510 [e]	2532 [e]	3588 [e]	2889 [e]	3650 [e]	1722 [e]	3588 [e]
oidamen	hoti	ek	tou	Theou	esmen	kai	ho	kosmos	holos	en	tō
19 οἶδαμεν	ὅτι	ἐκ	τοῦ	Θεοῦ	ἐσμεν ,	καὶ	ὁ	κόσμος	ὅλος ,	ἐν	τῷ
We know	that	of	-	God	we are	and	the	world	whole	in	the
V-RIA-1P	Conj	Prep	Art-GMS	N-GMS	V-PIA-1P	Conj	Art-NMS	N-NMS	Adj-NMS	Prep	Art-DMS

Verb - Present Indicative Active - 1st Person Plural

4190 [e]	2749 [e]
ponērō	keitai
πονηρῷ	κεῖται .
evil [one]	lies
Adj-DMS	V-PIM/P-3S

First John 5:20 – “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.”

1492 [e]	1161 [e]	3754 [e]	3588 [e]	5207 [e]	3588 [e]	2316 [e]	2240 [e]	2532 [e]	1325 [e]	1473 [e]
oidamen	de	hoti	ho	Huios	tu	Theou	hēkei	kai	dedōken	hēmin
20 οἶδαμεν	δὲ	ὅτι	ὁ	Υἱὸς	τοῦ	Θεοῦ	ἦκει ,	καὶ	δέδωκεν	ἡμῖν
We know	now	that	the	Son	-	of God	is come	and	has given	us
V-RIA-1P	Conj	Conj	Art-NMS	N-NMS	Art-GMS	N-GMS	V-PIA-3S	Conj	V-RIA-3S	PPro-D1P

1271 [e]	2443 [e]	1097 [e]		3588 [e]	228 [e]	2532 [e]	1510 [e]	1722 [e]	3588 [e]
dianoian	hina	ginōskōmen		ton	alēthinon	kai	esmen	en	tō
διάνοιαν ,	ἵνα	γινώσκωμεν*		τὸν	ἀληθινόν ;	καὶ	ἐσμέν	ἐν	τῷ
understanding	so that	we may know		Him who [is]	TRUE	and	we are	in	Him who [is]
N-AFS	Conj	V-PSA-1P		Art-AMS	Adj-AMS	Conj	V-PIA-1P	Prep	Art-DMS

228 [e]	1722 [e]	3588 [e]	5207 [e]	846 [e]	2424 [e]	5547 [e]	3778 [e]	1510 [e]	3588 [e]	228 [e]
alēthinō	en	tō	Huiō	autou	Iēsou	Christō	houtos	estin	ho	alēthinos
ἀληθινῷ ,	ἐν	τῷ	Υἱῷ	αὐτοῦ ,	Ἰησοῦ	Χριστῷ .	οὗτός	ἐστίν	ὁ	ἀληθινός
TRUE	in	the	Son	of Him	Jesus	Christ	He	is	the	TRUE
Adj-DMS	Prep	Art-DMS	N-DMS	PPro-GM3S	N-DMS	N-DMS	DPro-NMS	V-PIA-3S	Art-NMS	Adj-NMS

2316 [e]	2532 [e]	2222 [e]	166 [e]
Theos	kai	zōē	aiōnios
Θεὸς	καὶ	ζωὴ	αἰώνιος .
God	and	life	eternal
N-NMS	Conj	N-NFS	Adj-NFS

2. Jesus brought knowledge of the Truth so we could be delivered
3. This is not Gnosticism (which was based on knowledge), but Christianity based on God’s revelation of the Truth in the dark world.

First John 5:21 – “Little children, keep yourselves from idols.”

5040 [e]	5442 [e]	1438 [e]	575 [e]	3588 [e]	1497 [e]	281 [e]
Teknia	phylaxate	heauta	apo	tōn	eidōlōn	Amēn
21 Τεκνία ,	φυλάξατε	ἑαυτὰ	ἀπὸ	τῶν	εἰδώλων .	Ἀμήν) .
Little children	keep	yourselves	from	-	idols	Amen
N-VNP	V-AMA-2P	RefPro-AN3P	Prep	Art-GNP	N-GNP	Heb

1. “Idols” refers to the false teaching the believers are being tempted with and having to reject even as the world embraces the false concepts of Jesus, Christianity and God.