



Part 11 of Luminous

Sunday, January 17, 2021

We can have confidence in knowing we have a Father who hears our prayer and is active in our lives and others who call on the name of Jesus Christ.

Setting the Scene: (Review)

- That you would have fellowship with God (1:3)
- That you would walk in the light (1:5-6)
- That you would have fellowship with one another (1:7)
- That you would confess our sin (1:8)
- That you would keep His commandments (2:4)
- That you would love God supremely (Not the World) 2:15-17
- That you would stay connected (Abide) to Him (2:24)
- That you would love one another (3:11)
- That you would embrace the testimony of Christ (1 John 5:1-12)
- That you would know eternal life (1 John 5:13-21)

²¹ Dear children, keep away from anything that might take God's place in your hearts. 1 John 5:21

God is looking for people through whom he can do the impossible – what a pity that we plan only the things that we can do by ourselves.- A.W. Tozer

What are you asking God for that you could not do yourself? What you pray for reflects what you believe about God. - Ralph Howe

1. Approach God With Confidence as You Pray (1 John 5:13-15)

- We Can Be Confident He is the Source for Eternal Life
- 6X: We see the phrase, "We know."

May know (εἰδῆτε). Not perceive (γινώσκειν), but know with settled and absolute knowledge. ¹

¹⁴ And we are **confident** that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him. (according to his will)

¹⁵ And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for, 1 John 5:14-15

Parresia: Confidence, freedom of speech, boldness or openness, He Hears our prayers (1 John 2:28, 3:21, 4:17,5:14)

- We pray, according to the will of God.

✓ To have faith in Jesus

But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! John 15:7

You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. John 15:16

✓ To confess my Sin

¹⁸ If I had not confessed the sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. Psalm 66:18

✓ To bring glory to God

¹ Vincent, M. R. (1887). [Word studies in the New Testament](#) (Vol. 2, p. 369). New York: Charles Scribner's Sons.

¹³You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. ¹⁴Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it! John 14:13-14

✓ **To align me with God's purposes**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:9-10, NIV

- Right way (I need you) Right heart, persistence in it. His time, his will, Keep on asking, seeking, knocking, Matthew 7

³And even when you ask, you don't get it because **your motives are all wrong**—you want only what will give you pleasure. James 4:3

2. Approach God with Confidence on Behalf of Others (1 John 5:16-17)

pagha`, "to make intercession"; originally "to strike upon," or "against"; then in a good sense, "to assail anyone with petitions," "to urge," and when on behalf of another, "to intercede" ([Ruth 1:16](#); [Jeremiah 7:16](#); [27:18](#); [Job 21:15](#); [Genesis 23:8](#); [Isaiah 53:12](#); [Jeremiah 36:25](#)). A similar idea is found in enteuxis, used as "petition," and in the New Testament "intercession." The English word is derived from Latin intercedo, "to come between," which strangely has the somewhat opposed meanings of "obstruct" and "to interpose on behalf of" a person, and finally "to intercede." ²

³⁰"I looked for someone who might rebuild the wall of righteousness that guards the land. I searched for someone to stand in the gap in the wall so I wouldn't have to destroy the land, but I found no one. Ezekiel 22:30

- Intercession: Bringing God into the situation or the relationship. We ask God to see the world through spiritual eyes.
- We need to treat sin with all seriousness!

5:17 not every sin leads to death: Those that do not involve ultimate apostasy can end in repentance and restoration (see Jas 5:20).³ There is a clear distinction between A Christ Follower and one who is not.

3. Approach God with Confidence in Confessing Sin (1 John 5:18-21)

- We know we can not continue in sin. (Vs. 18)
- We know we need to seek Him for protection (vs. 19)

¹⁵My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. John 17:15 (NIV)

¹³And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one. -Matthew 6:13

- We know We are given a unique understanding to know the will of God. (Vs. 20)

Summary of this text:

- Believe in Jesus
- Hate Sin
- Love People

Last Thoughts: Who are you interceding for? Who is interceding for you right now?

¹ <https://www.biblestudytools.com/dictionary/intercession/>

³ [New Living Translation Study Bible](#). (2008). (1 Jn 5:17). Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.