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Youth E.D.G.E. Sunday School
Back to the Basics: A Study of I John - Part XVIII

Concluding Confidence for the Christian

Part Two
I John 5:18-21

John concludes his letter by taking some time to reflect on what he's written and drive home key truths, with the goal of inspiring confidence in those that he has poured his heart into. He does this by including five "knowledge" statements that highlight unshakeable truths in the concluding nine verses. We'll take a look at the final three today as we seek to live confident Christian lives.

III. **You Can Have Confidence Because You Have Victory Over Sin (v. 18).**

This is a promise that real children of God will experience consistent victory over sin.

A. There is a qualification to this victory.

The one born of God remains a child with continuing responsibilities and privileges.

B. There are benefits to this victory.

1. You have protection.

You will continue to face satanic attacks and obstruction, but the one who is stronger than Satan defends you.

2. You have separation.

IV. **You Can Have Confidence Because You Belong to God (v. 19).**

God's people are comforted with the certainty that He is their Father, and that He will protect them.

A. Life in God begins in God.

God is the source and originator of all things that are spiritual. The life that is found planted in God is a life that is originated by God.

B. Life in the world is apart from God.

In contrast to true community, it is the rest of the world that lies in the power of the evil one.

V. **You Can Have Confidence Because Jesus has Come (vv. 20-21).**

A. His coming has given us revelation (v. 20).

The affirmation that Jesus has come and has given us understanding undermines the whole structure of the theology of the heretics.

B. His coming has provided communion (v. 20).

Jesus is the mediator of knowledge of God and fellowship with God.

C. His coming should remove us from idols (v. 21).

The false teaching of the secessionists constituted a huge form of idolatry. All "God-substitutes" apart from Jesus are idols.