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**Sermon Notes for October 25th, 2026**
**"A Journey through the Book of 1st John"**
**"Authentic Confidence"**

Sermon Text: **1 John 5:13-21;** Old Testament: **Psalm 104:27-35;** New Testament: **Hebrews 4:14-16.** Read **1 John 5:13-21** below, then answer the questions that follow.

**1 John 5:13-21:** 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. [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. [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. [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. [19] We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. [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. [21] Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

1. Read **1 John 5:13.** According to this verse, why did John write this letter?

2. Read **1 John 5:14.** What ultimately determines if our requests are heard?

3. Read **1 John 5:15.** If God hears us, what should we expect from Him?

4. Read **1 John 5:16.** Now read **Matthew 12:31-32.** What is the ***sin that leads to death?***

5. Why were the Gnostics guilty of the ***sin that leads to death?***

6. Read **1 John 5:17.** In your own words, what is John saying in this verse?

*7.* Read **1 John 5:18.** What is John saying when he writes: ***but he who was born of God protects him?*** In other words, to whom does the word ***he*** refer and to whom does the word ***him*** refer?

***8.*** Read **1 John 5:19.** How does it make you feel to know ***the whole world lies in the power of the evil one?***

9. Read **1 John 5:20.** How does this verse refute the teaching of the Gnostics, who were trying to lead people astray?

10. Read **1 John 5:21.** What are some things that may serve as idols in American Christians' lives?

11. What will you remember most from this message?