



May 25

Passage: 1 John 5:13-21

Friday, we learned the importance of believing in Jesus as the son of God. Today we will highlight a few things relating directly to that belief. Go ahead and pray Luke 24:45 again.

## **READ & DIG.** Read 1 John 5:13-21 (underline anything that sticks out!)

We will break this scripture into three main categories: *confidence, life & death, and being different.*

### **CONFIDENCE (v. 13-15)**

John shows us a few things that we, as believers can be confident in, solely based on believing that Jesus is God's son. He says we can **KNOW** we have eternal life. This is HUGE! If you have given yourself to Christ, rest assured - He's got you! John also tells us we can confidently approach God, knowing that He hears and will do whatever we ask according to His will.

### **LIFE & DEATH (v. 16-17)**

These verses may seem a little confusing but based on the end of our devo Friday we can conclude this: belief in the Son gives life; non-belief brings death. So, while we know we all sin (Romans 3:23), we also know Jesus gives us eternal life (yesterday, 1 Jn. 5:11). But, not believing in Him leads to death (check out John - the gospel - chapter 8 verse 24.)

### **BEING DIFFERENT (v. 18-21)**

You might be wondering what "being different" has to do with these few verses, but it basically comes down to this: those who have given their lives to Christ should not continue to sin. Verse 19 tells us that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one, but verse 20 tells us that we believers are in Him who is true. We're totally different! And then one last gentle, but blunt, reminder from John - "keep yourselves from idols" (refer to May 12 devo).

### **Apply & GO...**

Believing that Jesus is the son of God gives us confidence, life, and the power to be completely different from the rest of the world! Do you believe that Jesus is the son of God? Are you confident? Are you different?