

"SURE LIFE AND PRAYER"

I JOHN 5:13-17

I. THE CERTAINTY OF THE ASSURANCE OF THE POSSESSION OF ETERNAL LIFE (5:13)

- A. You Cannot Serve The Lord Without It
- B. You Carry It Around With You Like A Wallet: "*Know*" Is In The Present Tense

II. THE CERTAINTY OF ANSWERED PRAYER (5:14-17)

- A. A Stupendous Promise (5:14-15)
 - 1. "*He Heareth Us*" Is More Than Just Divine Recognition Of An Audible Sound (5:14-15a)
 - 2. The Present Tense Of "*We Have The Petitions*" Bespeaks An Immediate Response (5:15b)
 - a. Consider The Case Of Daniel (Daniel 10:12-13)
 - b. We Can Attribute Our Concept Of Delay To The Spiritual Wrestling Matches That Take Place All Around Us (Ephesians 6:10ff)
 - 3. Confidence In Prayer Must Be Met By The Conditions For The Certainty Of Prayer
- B. A Sobering Command (5:16-17)
 - 1. Pray For Stumbling Brethren Because It Just May Be The Thing That Makes The Difference (5:16a)
 - 2. Do Not Pray For One Who Has Sinned Unto Death (5:16b-17)