

# The Words of Life

## *Stay Away from Idols... pray!*

Scripture: 1st John 5:13-21

**Big Question:** How do we stay rooted in right belief in Jesus?

**Big Idea:** Believers pray with confidence, compassion and to be counseled in the truth of Christ.

**Introduction:** *Where we have been and how we stay there*

### Three Gifts of Prayer

- V. #13-15 The confidence we have in prayer.
  - Jesus is God's Son and through Jesus we are God's child.
- V. #16-17 The compassion we have in prayer.
  - Our prayers should seek others' restoration not condemnation.
- V. #18-21 The counsel we seek in prayer.
  - To forgo our patterns of sin.
  - To know the power of the Son. (the world is under Jesus's control)
  - To live out the principles of His Kingdom. (eternal life is ours and begins today)

**Applications:** How do I take possession of the book of 1st John and live it out in my life?

- Know that you have eternal life. 5:13
- Know that you have a personal relationship with God. 5:14-17
- Know that you have victory over sin and the world. 5:18
- Know that you are God's child. 5:19
- Know that you KNOW what is TRUE and thus what to pursue. 5:20-21

*We know also 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 by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.*

*Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.*

**1st John 5:20-21**

