

1 John 5:13

Theme for 1 John: ASSURANCE – HOW CAN WE KNOW WE HAVE BEEN BORN INTO GOD’S FAMILY?

- *1 John 5:13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.*
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- a. Believers must know that it is the last time (hour). **Vs. 18a**
 - *Revelation 1:1*
- b. Believers must know that it is time for the antichrist. **Vs. 18b**
 - *2 Thessalonians 2:8–9*
- c. We must know that the antichrists exist even now. **Vs. 18c**
 - *Mark 13:22*
 - ⇒ They are denying HIS deity:
 - ⇒ They are denying that HE is the sinless one
 - ⇒ They are denying HIS death and resurrection:
 - ⇒ They are denying HIS Lordship:
 - ⇒ They are denying HIS return to earth:

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- *Acts 20:29–31*
 - *John 13:30*
 - *Galatians 1:8*

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 - *1 Samuel 16:13*
 - *2 Corinthians 1:21–22*
 - *John 14:16–17*

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ii. The Abiding Of The Truth In Us Vs. 21a

- *1 John 1:6*
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 - *John 14:6*
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- **III. Remember, your views of Jesus affects your final Judgement. Vs. 22, 23**
 - a. Many Will Abandon The Father Vs. 22**
 - b. Many Will Accept The Son Vs. 23**
- *Romans 10:9*
- *Mark 1:24*

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Practical points to note in conclusion.

- **Discernment:** Be watchful for teachings that distort Jesus' identity or work.
- **Perseverance:** Remain faithful even when others fall away.
- **Dependence:** Lean on the Spirit's guidance daily by spending time in His word.
- **Boldness:** Confess Christ without compromise.
- **Assurance:** Rest in the truth that confessing the Son means having the Father.