Confidence in the True God
1 JOHN 5:13-21 | PREACHED BY CRAIG STURM

False teachers had left John’s congregations shaken. He wrote this letter to assure those who remained that since they were faithful to the fundamentals of the faith (a proper view of Christ, obedience, love) their salvation was sure. Today we will see five statements of certainty. Five magnificent, God-glorying, Jesus-exalting, Spirit-trusting, assurance-giving, foundation-under-our-feet-building truths that bring his letter to a glorious crescendo.

INTRODUCTION

WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE ETERNAL LIFE
[v. 13] 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.

WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE VICTORY OVER SIN
[v. 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.

WE KNOW THAT WE BELONG TO GOD
[v. 19] We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

WE KNOW THE TRUE GOD
[v. 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.

RESOURCES
The Epistles of John, James M. Boice
You Can Pray, Tim Chester
A Praying Life: Connecting with God in a Distracting World, Paul Miller
A Call to Prayer, JC Ryle