

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.*
- Repetition in 1 John serves a very deliberate purpose
The most repeated words in 1 John are “**love**” (35 times), “**know**” (33 times), “**because**” (27 times), “**does**” (25 times), “**world**” (22 times), “**children**” (15 times), “**life**” (14 times), and “**Jesus**” (14 times).
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 - a. **The message: It is the old unchangeable truth (1Jn 2:24 a)**
 - b. **The evidence: You are continuing in the Son (1Jn 2:24 b)**
 - John 8:31*
 - **One of the proofs of salvation is perseverance in Christ**
 - John 15:5*
 - **Additional proofs of abiding in Christ**
 - i. **obedience to Christ's commands (1 John 3:24)**
 - ii. **following Jesus' example (1 John 2:6)**
 - iii. **living free from habitual sin (1 John 3:6)**
 - iv. **the awareness of a divine presence within one's life (1 John 4:13)**

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What is eternal life?
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Why is John writing his letter to the believers?

John 10:27-29

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- 4 **The provision of God to protect us: The Holy Spirit** (1Jn 2:27)

1 John 2:20

Does the anointing imply that we require no teachers?

John 1:14 ; 1 John 4:2-3

1 John 2:22

What does this mean for us today?

- i. We have the anointing of the Holy Spirit
- ii. The Holy Spirit is our ultimate teacher and guide

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Author: Henry Francis Lyte (1847) Hymn No 419

1 Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, **O abide with me.**

4 I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless,
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou **abide with me.**

5 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes.
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, **abide with me.**