

Confidence in Prayer 1 John 5:13-15

A. Confidence in Our Fellowship with God (5:13)

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."

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- 1:4 "And we are writing these things so that **our joy may be complete.**"
- 2:1 "My little children, I am writing these things to you **so that you may not sin...**"
- 2:12 "I am writing to you, little children, because **your sins are forgiven** for his name's sake.
- 2:13a "I am writing to you, fathers, because **you know him who is from the beginning...**"

B. Confidence in Approaching God (5:14a)

14a: "And this is the confidence that we have toward him..."

C. Confidence in God to Accomplish His Will (5:14b-15)

14b - 15: "...that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him."

C. Confidence in God to Accomplish His Will (5:14b-15)

1. Understanding God's Will

- **God's Sovereign Will**

- **God's Revealed Will**

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2. Seeing the Goodness of God's Will

1 John 2:15-17:

“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.”

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3. Examples of Praying God's Will

Example #1 - The Early Church Prayed According to God's Will (Acts 4:24-30)

24 And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, 25 who through the mouth of our father David, your servant,^d said by the Holy Spirit,

“Why did the Gentiles rage,
and the peoples plot in vain?
26 The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers were gathered together,
against the Lord and against his Anointed’^e—

27 for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, 28 to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. 29 And now, Lord, look upon their

threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, [30](#) while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

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Example #2 - Praying According to God’s Will in the Midst of a Conflict

[12](#) Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, [13](#) bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

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Example #3 - Praying According to God’s Will for our Kids

“While many of my desires and expectations for my child might be godly. I recognize that they are easily corrupted by things like the culture around me, a twisted sense of competition with other parents, an inadequate understanding of what a parent should be and do, as well as my own. So I need the Scripture to go to work in me to reshape my deepest longings for my child.

I need the Word to convict me of my sin because I easily become overly focused on my child’s shortcomings. I need the Word to challenge me to change because I am tempted to think it is only my child who needs to change.”

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