

## Sermon: “What to Believe about Jesus and Our Salvation”

Text: [I John 5:13-21 ESV](#)

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**Introduction:** The biblical phrase from [John 3](#): “born again” has taken on even political overtones. It certainly has produced a lot of uncertainty and confusion in the Church. It has fanned the flames of heresy that you have to feel and act a certain way or you are not saved. Nothing could be further from the truth - or Jesus, who is The Truth ([John 14:6](#)).

### I. What God Wants Us to \_\_\_\_\_ ([vv. 13-15](#))

A. We Need to Know God’s \_\_\_\_\_.

B. We Need to Be Found \_\_\_\_\_.

### II. What Our Brothers and Sisters \_\_\_\_\_ ([vv. 16-18](#))

A. \_\_\_\_\_ Prayer

B. \_\_\_\_\_

### III. What God Wants Us to \_\_\_\_\_ ([vv. 19-21](#))

A. God wants us in the \_\_\_\_\_.

B. God wants us to \_\_\_\_\_ in Him.

**Conclusion:** C.H. Spurgeon is quoted as saying that he was so sure of his salvation that he could grab onto a cornstock and swing out over the fires of hell, look into the face of the devil, and sing, “Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine.” When the storms of life, the winds of trouble, and a sea of discomfort and emotional agony seem to overwhelm, we have to say with the songwriter, “Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.”

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### That You May Know

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. 14 And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. 15 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.

16 If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God[a] will give him life—to those who commit sins that do not lead to death. There is sin that leads to death; I do not say that one should pray for that. 17 All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that does not lead to death. 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.

19 We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. 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. 21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols.