The Certainties in the Christian Life

1 John 5
I. We Know What a Christian is.

(5:1-5)

A. What most people don't know.

John 1:12-13: But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
B. Five signs of those 'born of God' in 1 John.
   1. They practice righteousness, (2:29).
   2. They do not practice sin (3:9).
   3. They love the brethren (other Christians) (4:7).
   4. They overcome the world, (5:4).
   5. They keep themselves from the wicked one (5:18).

C. If we have God as our Father – we love Him.

D. Christians are not to love the world.
II. We Know Who Jesus is.

(5:6-13)

A. Sinners must believe Jesus is the Christ.
B. The entire God-head agrees that Jesus is Christ.
C. This Life is in The Son. (V. 12-13)
III. We Know How to Pray with Confidence. (5:14-17)

A. What is prayer to a Christian?

B. True Prayer is more than saying words.
IV. We Know How a Christian Acts. 

(5:18-19)

A. He does not practice sins. (V.18)
B. Keeping our eyes open. (V.19)
C. We know the Truth. (5:20-21)

*for the Spirit is truth (V. 5b)* and

*God's Word is truth. John 17:17,*

*Sanctify them by Your truth, Your word is truth.*

*John 17:3, And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.*
How can one become a Child of God?

Recognize you are a sinner;
Repent of your sins with a Godly sorrow;
Believe in your heart of hearts that Jesus died to pay your sin debt.
Believe He was buried and rose from the dead.
Then confess Jesus as your Lord and Master.