



I live with real confidence
when I know God.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God
so that you may know that you have eternal life.

I John 5:13

**True confidence is found through
a living love relationship with God
through the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**This relationship produces
the fruit of righteous behavior,
love for God and people,
and a belief in the historical Jesus.**

Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God,
and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

John 17:3

THE THREE SIGNS

Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us,
we have confidence before God ²²and receive from him anything
we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him.

²³ And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son,
Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us.

²⁴ Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this
is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

I John 3:21-24

- 1 Love lived out in relationship
- 2 Obedience demonstrated in behavior
- 3 Belief confirmed through relationship

LOVE LIVED OUT IN RELATIONSHIP

We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard,
so that you also may have fellowship with us.

And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

⁴ We write this to make our joy complete.

I John 1:3-4

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.
I John 1:7

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.

Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

I John 4:7-8

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love.
Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. ¹⁷ In this way,
love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence
on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him.

¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear,
because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears
is not made perfect in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.

²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar.

For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen,
cannot love God, whom he has not seen.

²¹ And he has given us this command:

Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

I John 4:16-21

LOVE VS. CONTEMPT WHEN WE CHOOSE CONTEMPT OVER LOVE...

IT BLINDS US

Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in
the darkness. ¹⁰ Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there
is nothing in him to make him stumble. ¹¹ But whoever hates his
brother is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness; he does
not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded him.

I John 2:9-11

IT KILLS RELATIONSHIP

Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer,
and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him.

I John 3:15

WE LIVE A LIE

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1 John 4:19-21

NEXT STEPS

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