

l <u>live</u> with <u>real</u> 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

Love lived out in relationship

2 Obedience demonstrated by behavior

3 Belief confirmed through relationship

OBEDIENCE DEMONSTRATED BY BEHAVIOR

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. ⁷ 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.

LJohn 1:5-7

Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray.

He who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Be who does what is sinful is of the devil,
because the devil has been sinning from the beginning.

The reason the Son of God appeared
was to destroy the devil's work.

I John 3:7-8

No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God. ¹⁰This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are:

Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.

I John 3:9-10

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well.

²This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands.

³This is love for God: to obey his commands.

And his commands are not burdensome,

⁴for everyone born of God overcomes the world.

This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

⁵Who is it that overcomes the world?

Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

I John 5:1-5

A PATH HOME: CONFESSION

If we claim to be without sin,
we deceive ourselves
and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.

If we claim we have not sinned,
we make him out to be a liar
and his word has no place in our lives.

I John 1:8-10

NEXT STEPS