

Scripture References

1 John 3:21-22 Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him.

Ps 66:18 If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened;

1 Peter 3:7 Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

John 15:7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

Matt 6:10 "your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

2 Cor 12:7-8 Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.

Authentic Jesus, A Study in 1 John

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Fred Hennes, Sermon #645, "Victory PSI" (1 John 5:14-21)

Conditions for Prayers to be Heard

1. Purity of _____ (1 John 3:21-22)
2. We must pray in God's _____ (Matt 6:10)

Prayer is not overcoming God's _____. It is laying hold of God's _____.

The sin that does not lead to death refers to those sins committed by _____.

Christians face three enemies, all of which want to lead them into sin: the _____, the _____, and the _____.

The devil is like a serpent who _____ and a lion who _____.

It is Jesus Christ who keeps the believer _____ from the devil.

An idol is a lifeless, useless _____ for the real thing.

Watch out for the _____ and the artificial and remain authentic in your faith.

Life Group Ice-Breaker Question

1. Do you have any repeated final words you share with a loved one every time you part? If so, what are they?

Discussion Questions

2. Regarding this sermon, is there any truth that stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?
3. Read the text for today's sermon (1 John 5:14-21) and list the things we are told we know. How does this list encourage your faith in Jesus?
4. What truths were you reminded of today that speak to the effectiveness of your personal prayer life?
5. Three enemies were spoken of, all of which want to lead you into sin. Which of these enemies is the strongest in your life? How so?

6. Name an idol (past or present) that interferes (or has the greatest possibility of interfering) with your devotion to God.

Application Questions & Prayer

7. This sermon addressed the concept of the choice we have to cherish sin or to cherish Christ. What does the word "cherish" mean to you and what can you do to make sure that these things are never cherished more than Jesus Christ in your life?
8. Personal challenge: explain how you will apply this sermon to your life.
9. Pray for one another in such a way that you exercise confidence (freedom of speech) in approaching God.