

The First letter of John

True Knowledge

Session Six: Review and Impressions

I have Rev. Stephen to thank for teaching me the advantages of seeking out the imperatives in letters like John's. But in reading John's letter, I've been overwhelmed by the assurances he gives us as well. He gives warnings, but also so much encouragement and reassurance, reinforcing it all with love.

Re-read the letter noting as you go:

1. A list of imperatives
2. A list of assurances that believers might have.

Looking again at 1 John 5:13-21:

3. What do you make of the final verse? Why does John end his letter in this manner.
4. Review your key verse.
5. Review your title.

Now in conclusion for your private consideration, I won't be suggesting answers for these last two:

6. Review your 3 principles:
 - i) What does this say about God?
 - ii) How does this relate to the rest of the Bible, especially Jesus' teaching in the Gospels?
 - iii) What does this text tell me I need to do?
7. At Rev. Stephen's suggestion, consider the three studies: 1 Peter, James and 1 John, have they changed your life in any way?

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