

## Divine Assurances Part III

I John 5:18-21  
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### I. God assures us of forgiveness and chastisement – vs. 16, 17

#### A. Godly Discipline v. 16b

1. Why we are disciplined by God
  - a. Hebrews 12:6-8
2. How we should respond to discipline
  - a. Hebrews 12: 5, 9
3. What the purpose of discipline is
  - a. Hebrews 12: 10-13
4. Methods of Divine discipline
  - a. John 5:14
  - b. I Corinthians 11: 29, 30
  - c. Galatians 6: 7, 8
  - d. Acts 5:1-11; James 5:19, 20

### II. Divine Assurances Part III

1. That you have "overcome the world" – vs. 4-9 Victory
2. That you know that "you have eternal life" – vs. 10-13 Salvation
3. That "if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us" – vs. 14, 15 Answered Prayer
4. That God forgives and disciplines His own. – vs. 16, 17
5. That we can live a life pleasing to Him. – vs. 18, 19
6. That He will grant us understanding and discernment – v. 20
7. A final warning – v. 21

### III. Those That Are Untouchable – vs 18, 19

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1. Does not practice sin:
    - a. I John 3:6, 9
  2. Is not in the control of the Devil touch: "to fasten oneself to"
    - a. I John 3:8
  3. Knows he is of God
    - a. I John 5:13

#### B. The Believer: His accuser – v. 19a

1. His name: the evil one
  - a. Revelation 12:9, 10
2. His power

### IV. Those That Have Understanding – v. 20

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1. "We know": to know by experience
  2. "The true God": genuine or real
    - a. Titus 2:13, 14
- #### B. We know that we are in Him. – v. 20b
1. I John 5:13
  2. II Timothy 1:12

### V. Those That Are Unattached – v. 21

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1. "Guard": "to guard, watch, keep watch"
  2. Use of shepherd's: Luke 2:8 and soldiers, Acts 28:16
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- (Most of those who received this letter were Gentile converts living in the idolatrous cities of Asia)
1. Warning about being attached to the wrong things and people
    - a. Deuteronomy 11:16, 17; 13:17; Joshua 23:6-12
  2. Admonishments to be attached to the right person and things
    - a. Deuteronomy 10:20; 11:22; Matthew 22:37; Philippians 4:8; Colossians 3:2
  3. He who is able to keep you
    - a. Jude 24

### VI. Conclusion

- #### A. Are you a Christian?
- #### B. Are you a committed one?