

# Christian Certainty

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Text: I John 5:18-21.
- B. “We know” occurs three times in this section.
- C. This is an intuitive knowledge from the Spirit of God.

## II. True Christianity creates three great certainties.

### A. The one born of God does not sin—God keeps him and the evil one does not touch him.

- 1. This is the certainty of righteousness.
- 2. When there is a Christian profession, there must be an accompanying change in the life.
- 3. There cannot be a continual and habitual practice of sin for the Christian—this is the proof of the new birth.
- 4. Conversion is a revolution in the life of the individual.
- 5. We do not have to yield to the devil’s desires—they are lies.
- 6. Obedience is the name of the game—you cannot be a Christian without showing obedience to the Lord.

### B. The Christian knows he is born of God.

- 1. Christians are not better but separated from the world.
- 2. The whole world lies in the power of the evil one, and it cannot be stopped by merely talking about it.
- 3. The Christian message alone sets free.

### C. The Christian has certainty of reality—we are in God who is true.

- 1. “True” appears frequently in this verse.
- 2. The word true is reality.
- 3. The glorious privilege of this reality is that we are in Him sharing in His life and thinking.
- 4. Man aims for the abundant and continual life.

5. Whatever you want to live for is your god—what do you want to live for? Is it Christ or something else?

**Application questions:**

1. What does it mean that the Christian “does not sin?” Explain.

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2. Are Christians better than the world because they are “born of God?” Explain.

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3. How is new life a certainty of Christianity and what does this look like?

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