

Conclusion: Don't Miss Out on Jesus

1st John 5:18-21

A. We _____ that we have the opportunity to enjoy a relationship of intimacy with God. (5:18-20)

1. We know what _____ with God looks like. (5:18)

- What does God NOT produce?

**Tracing this theme through the book:*

- 1:5 – God is 100% pure light
- 1:9 – When I sin, but then confess my sin, I am restored to fellowship
- 2:28 – I am instructed to abide in Him (walk in fellowship with Him)
- 3:1 – I am instructed to behold His love which made us His child
- 3:3 – As I behold God's love, I will be progressively purified
- 3:6 – The one who is abiding in Him will not at the same time be sinning
- 3:9 – As a child of God, I do not and cannot sin as a reflection of my Father

- What is the child of God kept safe from?

**Two possible interpretations of 5:18b:*

1) Jesus Christ keeps the child of God safe

- This is true.
- We do not keep our lives eternally, God does. (1 John 5:11-13)
- We do not overcome sin in our present lives except by identification and fellowship with Christ, the overcoming one. (1 John 3:6, 4:4)

2) The child of God keeps himself safe by relying of the power of Christ

- This is true.
- We actively choose to abide in Christ. (1 John 2:28)
- While in fellowship with God, the devil has no sway over us. (1 John 3:5)

2. We know that our identity has freed us from the _____ of the world. (5:19)

- If we are of God, what are we NOT of?

- What protection from the influence of Satan do those of the world have?

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3. We know that Jesus gave us a special _____ . (5:20)

- How did he give the gift?

- What is the gift? *The gift is this understanding that we can enjoy intimacy with our Creator and Savior both now and forever.*

B. We CHOOSE how we live. (5:21)

- If we miss out on idols, who do we get?

**Tracing this theme through the book:*

- a. 1:1-3 – John declares Jesus so that we may know Him
- b. 1:4 – There is joy in fellowship with Jesus
- c. 2:15-16 – Love not the world lest you miss out on loving Him
- d. 2:26 – Don't be deceived
- e. 3:7 – Don't be deceived
- f. 4:1 – Don't be deceived
- g. 5:21 – Keep yourselves from anything that gets between you and Jesus