

Wheelersburg Baptist Church 1/25/2026

1 John 5:14-15 "Praying and the Promises of God"

Special 2026 series: *Redeemed People...Pray the Word*

The Context: We know three things for certain.

1. We know we have eternal life (11-13).
 2. We know we have power in prayer in this life (14-15).
 3. We know what we're supposed to do with what we have (16-21).
- I. We have confidence (14).
- A. Because of Christ we can approach God.
 - B. Because of Christ we can ask God.
 1. Our petition can be for anything.
 2. Our petition must be according to His will.
 - We have the promise of a way of escape (1 Cor 10:13).
 - We have the promise of a good outcome (Rom 8:28-29).
 - We have the promise of forgiveness (1 John 1:9).
 - We have the promise of God's provision (Matt 6:33).
 - We have the promise of God's guidance (Prov 3:5-6).
 - We have the promise of a harvest (Galatians 6:7-10).
 - We have the promise of wisdom (James 1:5).
 - We have the promise of sufficient grace (2 Cor 12:10).
 - C. Because of Christ we can be sure that God hears us.
- II. We have answers (15).
- A. We know nothing is too small to bring to God.
 - B. We know we have it before we have it.

Make It Personal: What should we do with this promise?

1. We should pray for others to experience eternal life (16-17).
2. We should affirm what we have in Christ (18-20).
3. We should reject rival substitutes (21).