

First John 5:18-21

- 1) Confidence in struggling against sin—5:18 ¹⁸ *We know* ① [pf. act. ind. εἰδῶ] ... (3 things)
 - a) *that* [ὅτι] *each one who has been born* [pf. pass. ptc. γεννάω] *by* [ἐκ] *God does not keep on sinning* [pres. act. ind. ἀμαρτάνω],
 - b) *but* [ἀλλά] ...
 - i) Positively—*the One* (Jesus) *who has been born* [aor. pass. ptc. γεννάω] *by* [ἐκ] *God is keeping* [pres. act. ind. τηρέω] *him* (some MSS read “himself”),
 - ii) Negatively—*and the evil one is not grabbing* [pres. mid. ind. ἄπτομαι] *him*. (cf. John 20:17)
- 2) Contrast between believers and worldlings—5:19 ¹⁹ *We know* ② [pf. act. ind. εἰδῶ] ...
 - a) The believer’s source— *that* [ὅτι] *we are of* [ἐκ] *God* (cf. 3:9-10; 4:6)
 - b) The worldling’s sphere (spiritual culture)—*and the whole world* [κόσμος] *in* [ἐν] *the evil one is continually existing* [pres. dep. ind. κείμαι].
- 3) Certainty of Christ’s mission and identity—²⁰ *And we know* ③ [pf. act. ind. εἰδῶ] ...
 - a) Concerning Jesus— *that* [ὅτι] *the Son of God* ...
 - i) Incarnation—*has come* [pres. act. ind. ἦκω]
 - ii) Work of Jesus through the Spirit—*and has given* [pf. act. ind. δίδωμι] *us understanding* [διάνοια]
 - (1) *so that* [ἵνα] *we may know* ④ [pres. act. subj. γινώσκω] *the Genuine One* (the Father) [ἀληθινός],
 - b) Concerning ourselves—*and (that) we are* [pres. act. ind. εἰμί] ...
 - i) God the Father—*in* [ἐν] *the Genuine One* [ἀληθινός],
 - ii) God the Son—*in* [ἐν] *His Son Jesus Christ. This One* (Jesus Christ) *is* [pres. act. ind. εἰμί]...
 - (1) The deity of Christ—*the genuine* [ἀληθινός] *God*
 - (2) *and life eternal*.
- 4) ²¹ *Little children* [τεκνίον], guard [aor. act. impv. φυλάσσω] *yourselves from the idols* [εἰδωλον]. *Amen*.