

The Message

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Confidence Toward God

1 John 5:13

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¹⁴And this is the **confidence** that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.



**The word “confidence” is used four times;
“Reassure” once.**

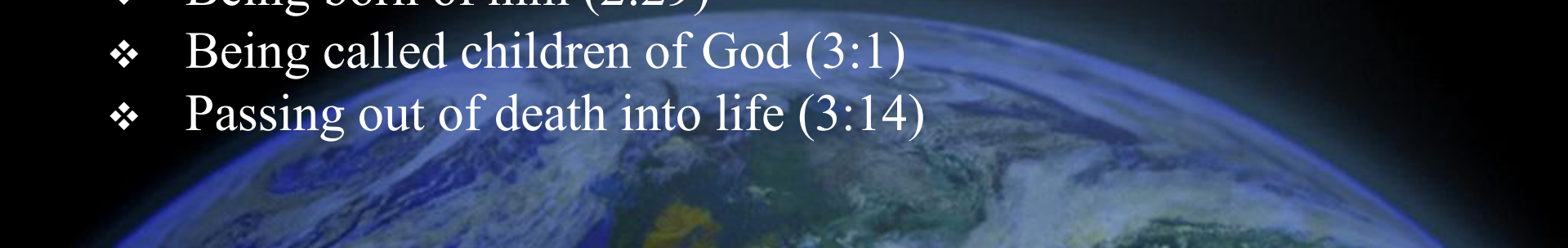
1 John 2:28

1 John 3:19-21

1 John 4:17



I John Calls Salvation by Various Expressions

- ❖ Fellowship with Him (1:6)
 - ❖ Having Christ as our Advocate (2:1)
 - ❖ Having Christ as the Propitiation for our sins (2:2)
 - ❖ Knowing Him (2:3)
 - ❖ We are in Him (2:5)
 - ❖ Being in the light (2:9)
 - ❖ Having the love of the Father in him (2:15)
 - ❖ Being anointed by the Holy One (2:20)
 - ❖ Knowing the truth (2:21)
 - ❖ Having the Father (2:23)
 - ❖ Abiding in him (2:27)
 - ❖ Being born of him (2:29)
 - ❖ Being called children of God (3:1)
 - ❖ Passing out of death into life (3:14)
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**John Gives Us Three Ways We Can Know
We Are Saved.**

(3 Ways to Have Confidence Toward God)

If we keep His commandments.

If we love the brothers.

By the Witness of the Holy Spirit.



I. If We Keep His Commandments.

And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments (1 John 2:30).



II. The 2nd Way We Know: If We Love the Brothers.

We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers (1 John 2:14).



III. The 3rd Way We Know is By the Witness of the Holy Spirit.

By this we know that we abide (live) in him and he in us, because he has given us his Spirit (1 John 4:13).

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God (Romans 8:16).



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