

# SEVEN THINGS THAT WE KNOW

I John 5:18-21

## Introduction:

- A. The world has perceived Christians as being ignorant and unlearned.
  - 1. Jesus. "not having known letters."
  - 2. The Apostles. "ignorant and unlearned."
  - 3. English Baptists. John Kiffen.
  - 4. Frontier Baptists.
  
- B. An educated Baptist knows more than any educated lost man.
  - 1. He will have secular and sacred knowledge.
  - 2. John acknowledges seven things the Christian knows for sure.

## I . WE KNOW THAT WE ARE SAFE. VS. 1

Three facts make us safe.

- A. The born again part sins not.
  - 1. "we know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not."
  - 2. It is the spirit that is born of God.
  
- B. Jesus keeps His sheep.
  - 1. "but he that is begotten of God keeps him."
  - 2. John 10:27-30
  - 3. "my sheep hear my voice."
  
- C. Satan cannot touch us.
  - 1. "that wicked one toucheth him not."
  - 2. touch = to do harm. Job.

## II . WE KNOW WE ARE OF GOD. VS. 19a

- A. "we know that we are of God."
  - 1. know = firm persuasion.



- B. This is not arrogant assumption. It's based on the most dependable source of information on this earth.
  - 1. We can know, and we do know.
  - 2. If we are like the Bible, we are of God.

### III . WE KNOW THE TRUE CHARACTER OF THE WORLD . VS . 19b

- A. "we know...the whole world lieth in wickedness."
  - 1. We are not unaware of the world's character.
  - 2. It is in Satan's control.
- B. We know what will happen to it.
  - 1. "melt with fervent heat."
  - 2. "wax old as a garment."

### IV . WE KNOW THAT THE PROMISED ONE HAS COME . VS . 20a

- A. "and we know the Son of God is come."
  - 1. He was promised in the beginning.
  - 2. He came the way of scripture.
- B. We know He will come again!
  - 1. "I will come again."
  - 2. God kept His promise, He will come.

### V . WE KNOW THAT WE KNOW HIM . VS . 20 b .

- A. "...and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true."
  - 1. understanding = a thinking through, meditation or musing upon; the faculty of moral reflection, consciousness called into exercise by the moral affections.

**VI . WE KNOW THAT WE ARE  
IN HIM. VS. 20 c.**

- A. "We know ..we are in him that is true, even in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life."
  - 1. "we are in him."
  - 2. How do you know your in a safe place?
  
- B. The only safe refuge is "in him"!
  - 1. In Him we are new creatures.
  - 2. In Him we have redemption.
  - 3. In Him we have forgiveness.
  - 4. In Him we have representation.

**VII . WE KNOW WE SHOULDN'T SERVE  
IDOLS. VS. 21**

- A. "Little children, keep yourselves from idols."
  - 1. I know God. I know the world.
  - 2. I am called by His name.
  - 3. I bear His image.
  
- B. Idol worship is a denial of all these truths.
  - 1. When we worship idols we deny there is one God.
  - 2. We deny our Father and install another.
  - 3. We forsake His truth for a lie.