

Net Mending Week 11

1 John 5:6-21

This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. ⁹We accept man's testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. ¹⁰Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart. Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

¹⁶If anyone sees his brother commit a sin that does not lead to death, he should pray and God will give him life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that he should pray about that. ¹⁷All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death.

¹⁸We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the one who was born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him. ¹⁹We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one. ²⁰We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true—even in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

²¹Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.

Real life is built on divine certainty

Five Certainties You Can Build Your Life Upon

1. Jesus is _____

- His _____, His _____, and _____ bear witness to the deity of Christ.

Matthew 3:16-17

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Matthew 27:54

When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"

Romans 8:15-16

For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

2. Believers have _____

- Our salvation rests firmly in the _____ of God.

Numbers 23:19

God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?

Birthmarks of God's Children	
1.	Practice _____ and not habitual sin
2.	_____ our brothers/one another
3.	_____ the world

3. God answers _____

- Our heavenly father takes care of our earthly _____.
- Prayer is not a tool of getting _____ needs done in heaven but getting _____ will done on earth.
- Our very faith to ask God for something often is evidence that he wants to _____ it.

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

- God not only ordains the _____, he also ordains the _____ to the ends.
- We pray because God has _____ us to; prayer is the God-appointed means by which we receive God's _____.
- Prayer keeps a believer in the will of God, and being in the will of God keeps a believer in a place of _____ and _____.
- The key to praying with confidence is taking the time to ascertain the _____ of God from the _____ of God.

4. Christians do not practice _____

- We are attacked on three fronts today – the _____, _____, and our _____.
- If God has permitted Satan to _____, he has empowered you to _____.

Luke 22:31-32

"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. ³²But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

- Our ability to overcome sin is found in our ability to abide in the _____.

1 John 2:13-14

I write to you, fathers, because you have known him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, dear children, because you have known the Father. ¹⁴I write to you, fathers, because you have known him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

- Failure to take our _____ life seriously can be fatal _____.

5. The Christian life is the _____ life.

- Satan has always attempted to divert our worship to _____ things rather than the _____.

Romans 1:25

They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

- The things we _____ are the things we _____

Matthew 4:10

Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"