

## What We Know – I John 5:18-21

1. We KNOW that the Christian does NOT persist in sin because he has been born of God and Jesus protects him from the evil one (5:18).

2. We KNOW that the Christian is from God while the whole world is under the control of the evil one (5:19).

3. We KNOW that Jesus has come and has given the Christian real knowledge of and relationship with the true God (5:20).

4. Since we KNOW these things, let us keep ourselves from idols (5:21).

### **Questions for Discussion & Application:**

1. What was difficult, helpful, or challenging from this study of God's Word?

2. How has the Lord kept you from being able to persist in sin as a Christian?
3. What examples do we see in scripture of Jesus protecting His people from the evil one? (see Luke 22:31-32)
4. What does verse 19 mean when it says that the “whole world lies in the power of the evil one”? (see Colossians 1:13, 2 Corinthians 4:4, and Ephesians 2:2)
5. Why is it such a radical statement to say that the whole world (apart from the Kingdom of God) is under Satan’s power and control?
6. How does this change the way we relate to and interact with the world around us?
7. Unlike the world that lies under the control of the evil one, as Christians we know the Lord and have a real relationship with Him. How is your life different and better because you have a relationship with God through Christ?
8. Why is it true that this relationship with God is only possible because the Son of God has come?
9. In verse 21 we are instructed to keep ourselves from idols. What is an idol?
10. How do you personally guard your heart against idols? Are there any idols in your life now that you need to repent of?