

1 John 5:13-21 Concluding instructions

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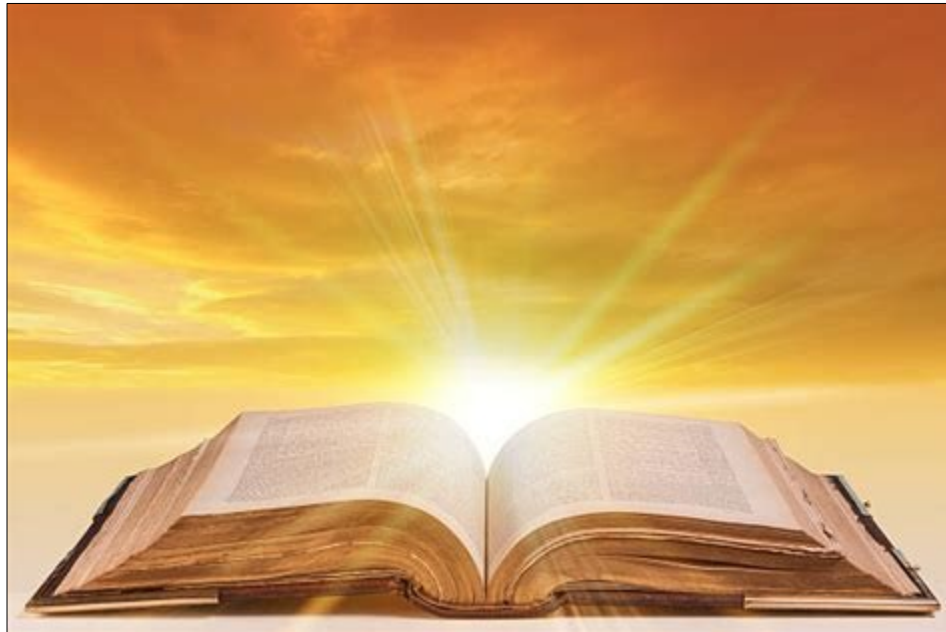
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We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the one who was born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him.

We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one. We 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.
Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God

Let us be so thankful that the Lord caused John to write these things down so that future generations would have God's wisdom in His Word.



Something believers should know

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1 John 5 : 13

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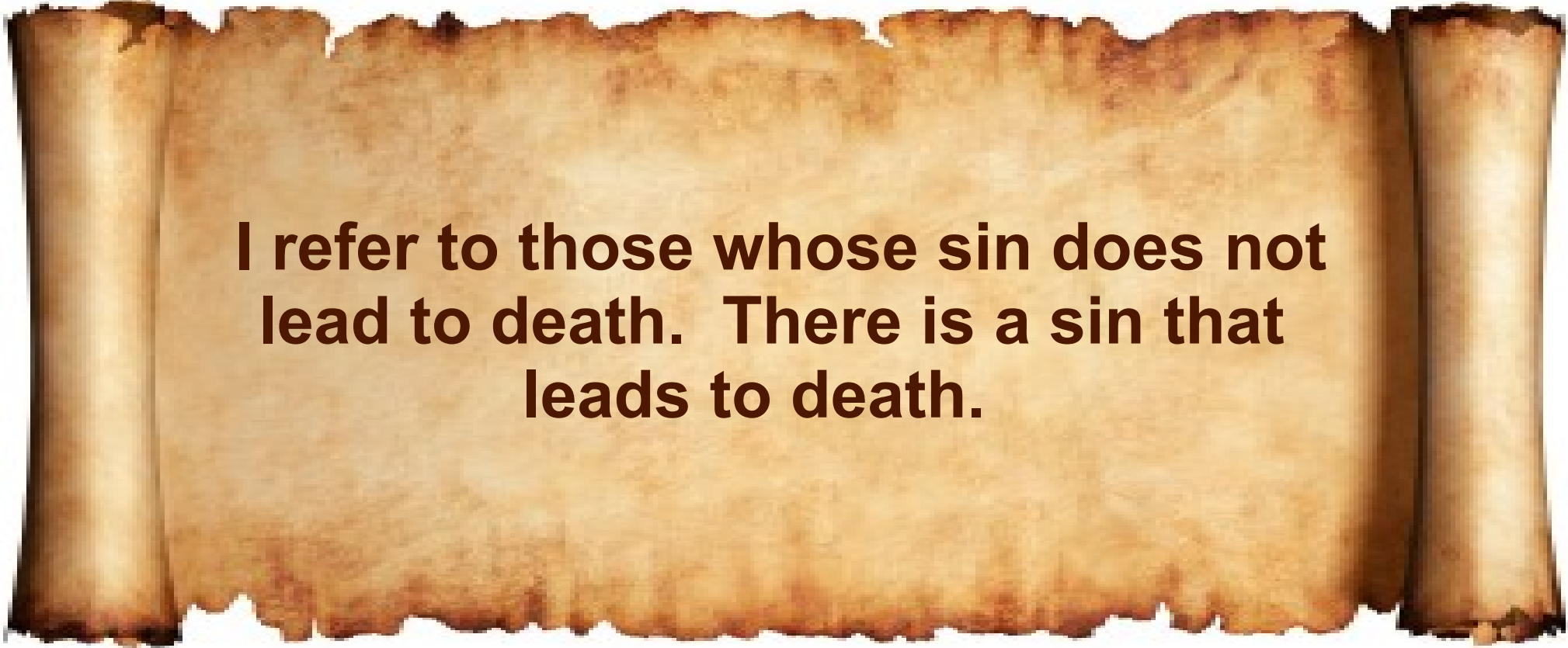
1 John 5: 14-15

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Some sins are worse than others

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Sin that leads to death?

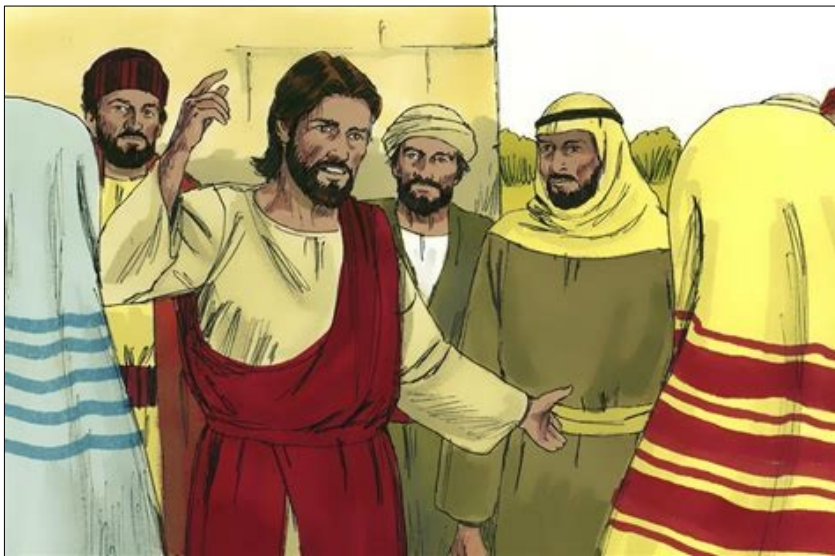
So do not pray for this people nor offer any plea or petition for them; do not plead with me, for I will not listen to you.



Jeremiah 7: 16

The unforgivable sin

I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven.



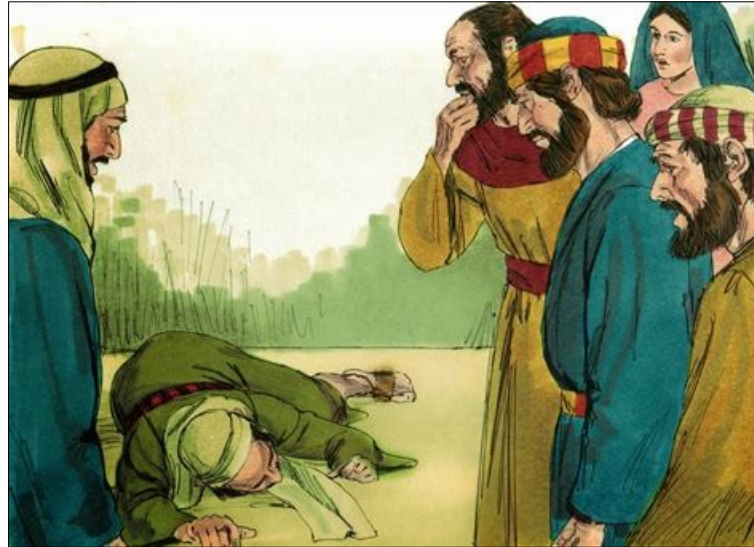
Matthew 12: 31

Taken out or taken home?

“You have not lied to men but to God.”

**When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died.
And great fear seized all who heard what had happened.**

Acts 5: 4-5



Believers ill and taken home

A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognising the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgement on himself.

That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgement

When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world.

1 Corinthians 11:28-30



Some prayers that won't be answered

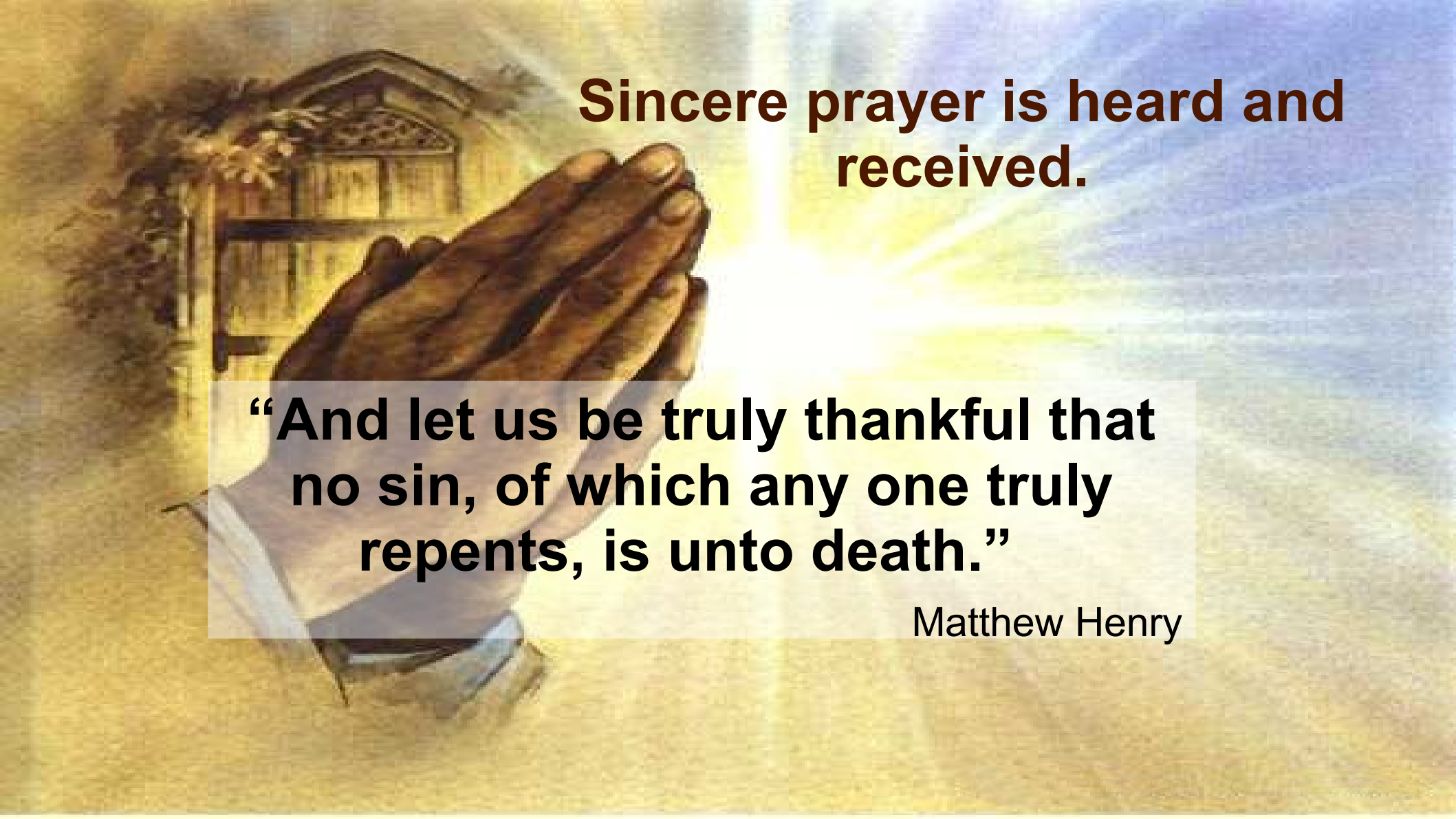
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**Some sins are worse than others
but all are dangerous**

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1 John 5: 16-17

A painting depicting a church entrance with a wooden door and a gabled roof. In the foreground, a pair of hands is clasped in prayer, with a white shirt cuff visible. The background shows a bright, hazy sky with a sunburst effect. The overall scene is warm and spiritual.

Sincere prayer is heard and received.

“And let us be truly thankful that no sin, of which any one truly repents, is unto death.”

Matthew Henry

**True believers
are
protected**

1 John 5:18



A profound change has happened

**We know that anyone born of God
does **not continue to sin;****

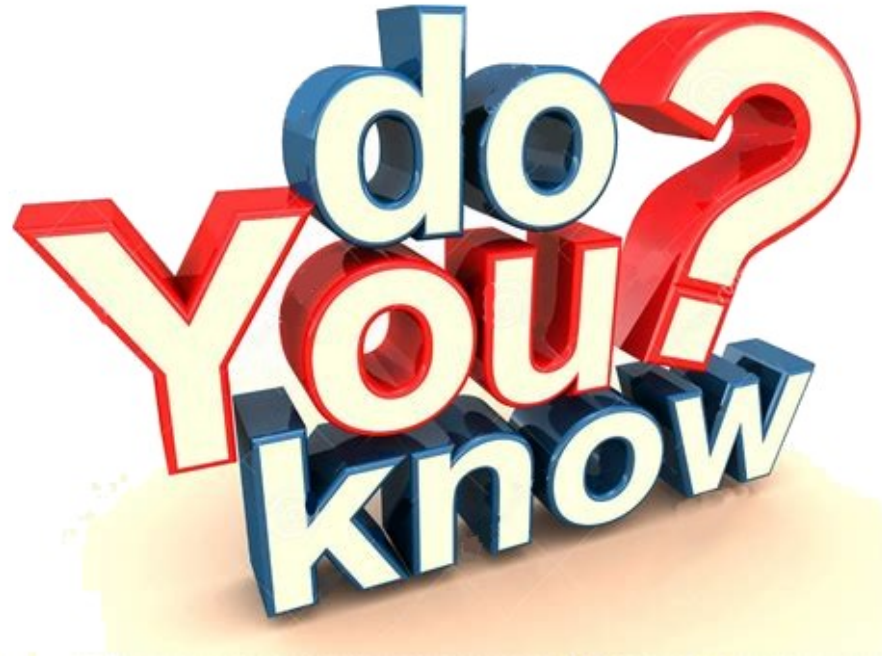
1 John 5: 18

Your part to play?

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1 John 5: 18

Things for believers



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Where we belong

**And we are in him who is true--even in
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1 John 5: 20

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**Dear children,
keep (*guard*) yourselves from
idols.**

1 John 5: 21

John ends on a serious note – cf. the end of Isaiah and Malachi
We are in a battle for our lives!

Where are today's idols?

Worship of actual idols -cf. 1 Corinthians 8 - eating in pagan temples

Worship of man/people/celebrities - see the Corinthian divisions

Worship of things- money, possessions, power (cf rich young ruler)

Worship of Self – -

1st Commandment:

I am the Lord your God.. You shall have no other gods before me

Exodus 20:2-3