

# Sermon Supplement from May 5

Bolstering Christian Confidence | 1 John 4:13-17

## Warm Up

- *What kinds of things tend to cause Christians to lose confidence in their relationship with the Lord?*
- *Talk about any thoughts you had or things you found helpful from this Sunday's sermon.*

## Dig In

- Read through this week's text and make your own list of things that boost your Christian confidence.
- Verse 13 – What are some of the ministries of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer and how does this give you confidence? (Titus 3:5; John 14:26, 16:8; Romans 8:1-16; Galatians 5:22-23; 1 Corinthians 12:4-6)
- Verse 14 – In your own words, articulate the gospel of Jesus as testified in the Scriptures.
- Verse 15 – Why is a PERSONAL confession of Jesus as Savior essential?
- Verse 16a – Talk about the intersection of knowledge and faith in the Christian life. Why are both important? What happens if we emphasize one to the exclusion of the other?
- Verse 16b – What does it mean to “abide in love”? What are some indicators that you are abiding in love? What are some indicators that you are not?
- Verse 17 – When you think about Judgment Day (2 Corinthians 5:10), what emotions do you feel? How does this passage help us have confidence for the day of judgment?

## Wrap Up

- What are one or two key truths that stood out to you from this study?
- How will you apply this passage to your life?

*Next Week: A Special Mother's Day Sermon*