

September 10, 2017  
I John 5:13-17

## Three Responses Of God In Prayer

### I. Introduction

How God Answers Prayer: Yes, No, and Wait

### II. Three Ways God Responds To Prayer:

#### A. According To His Will

"I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life." I John 5:13

"Abba Father, everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. **Yet not what I will, but what you will.**" Mark 14:36

"Yet, it was **the Lord's will** to crush him and cause him to suffer." Isaiah 53:10

"Thy Kingdom come, **Thy Will be done**"  
Matthew 6:10

"For I have come down from heaven not to do my will **but to do the will of him who sent me.**" John 6:38

#### B. In His Own Time

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him." I John 5:14-15

Selected Verses from John 11

### **C. In Relation To Our Faith**

“If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God will give him life to those who commit sins that do not lead to death. There is sin that leads to death; I do not say that one should pray for that.” I John 5:16

Testimony of the Apostle Paul - - 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

“Understanding is the reward of faith. Therefore seek not to understand that thou may believe, but believe that thou may understand.”  
St. Augustine

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.”  
Romans 8:28-29

**POINTS TO PONDER**  
**Week of September 10, 2017**  
**I John 5:13-21**

**Open It**

1. \*What might make someone afraid to ask another person for something?
2. What sort of things do people today pin their hopes on?

**Explore It**

3. Why did John write this letter? (5:13)
4. What confidence can believers have? (5:14-15)
5. \*About what type of sin did John say his readers should pray? (5:16)
6. What is sin? (5:17)
7. What does the person born of God stop doing? (5:18)
8. What sort of protection do Christians enjoy? (5:18)
9. \*Under whose control is the whole world? (5:19)
10. \*What has the Son of God done, and what has He given? (5:20)
11. Who is Jesus Christ? (5:20)
12. What was the last instruction John left with his readers? (5:21)

**Get It**

13. How can we be confident that we have eternal life?
14. \*When is it hard for you to approach God with confidence?

15. How can we know whether something is according to God's will?
16. In what way can sin lead to death?
17. To what sort of death might sin lead?
18. In what way has sin led to death in your life?
19. What type of sin does not lead to death?
20. By what modern "idols" are you tempted?
21. \*About what issue do you need to approach God more confidently?

### **Apply It**

22. What specific step can you take this week to place more confidence in God and less in the idols of this world?
23. For what fellow believer who has sinned will you pray today?
24. \*What matter will you bring before God this week?