

BELIEVING ON THE NAME OF JESUS

I John 5:13-15

Introduction:

- A. The Bible is consistently the best selling book in the world.
 - 1. In America it is especially true.
 - 2. No one would admit not owning one.

- B. Why did God give man the Bible?
 - 1. A lot of stock answers.
 - 2. God gave us language and writing.
 - 3. God gave it as a revelation of Himself and of His will.

- C. In these verses, John reveals to whom he wrote and why he wrote.
 - 1. vs. 13

I . JOHN DID NOT WRITE A PLEA TO LOST PEOPLE. VS. 1

- A. "And these things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God."
 - 1. We must believe that God loves the souls of all men.
 - a. He loves the lost.
 - b. He loves the saved.
 - 2. He also desires our growth spiritually.

- B. We should seek a balance in our ministry.
 - 1. Witness to lost people.
 - 2. Baptize saved people.
 - 3. Teach baptized saved people.
 - 4. The order that Jesus gave.

II . JOHN WROTE TO ACHIEVE A DESIRED GOAL.

- A. "that ye may know that ye have eternal life."
 - 1. know = I have seen, latin; video.
 - 2. God wants us to know.
 - 3. "eternal life."

- B. "that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."
 - 1. believe = to trust, with (eis) to give one's self up to, keep on giving.

III . THE ACHIEVED GOAL WOULD BRING THEM CONFIDENCE. VS. 14

- A. "And this is the confidence we have in him."
 - 1. confidence = freedom to speak in a democratic assembly, the courage to speak openly to a friend, shamelessness because of purity, boldness.
 - 2. We can have confidence in God.

- B. "if we ask any thing according to His will, he heareth us."
 - 1. hear = to give ear, to listen.
 - 2. James 4:3 "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your own lusts."

IV . ANSWERED PRAYER, THE WITNESS WE SEEK. VS. 15

- A. When God hears our prayers and answers them, we know we asked according to His will.
 - 1. The correct answer proves correct procedure.
 - 2. If it isn't God's will you didn't get it from Him.