"We Know That We Know That We Know" (#16 in the "Epistles Of John" series)

I John 5:18-21

- I. What we know (I John 5:18-20)

a. The of God (vs. 18) (I John 5:1a – "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God...")

i. True believers in Christ will not

and ______ sin with no remorse. (I John 1:9 – "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.")

ii. "he that is begotten of God" is actually a reference to

(II Timothy 1:12b – "...for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that *day.*")

(I Peter 1:5 – "Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.")

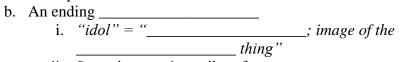
- iii. "We know" that the power of God keeps the true believer from ever ______ his salvation- no matter what!
- b. The _____ of God (vs. 19) (John 8:44a – "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do...")
 - i. "We know" that those who are truly

c. The ______ of God (vs. 20)

(John 1:1, 14 – "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...¹⁴And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.")

(John 17:3 – "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.")

- i. "We know" that Jesus Christ was the Son of God and promised Messiah and that, through faith in Him, we have _____
- Whereas we know (I John 5:21) II.
 - a. An expression of _____



ii. Sometimes we're guilty of

"_____ *idolatry*"- we *say* that we love Christ more than anything, but our actions reveal that there are some things that hold a higher place in our hearts than He does.

It does matter what you believe! Consider this little poem: "Shed a tear for Jimmy Brown, for Jimmy is no more. For what he thought was H_2O was *really* $H_2SO_4!$ " ($H_2O =$ ____; $H_2SO_4 =$ Jesus Christ, accept no ______! When it comes to