

Waiting for the Lord  
Psalm 130

Review:

1. We can wait hopefully for God because we trust in the promises of His Word
2. We can wait hopefully for God because we trust in His redemption, even from the worst of our sins
3. We can wait hopefully for God because we trust in His lovingkindness, His faithful, covenant-keeping love

Go further – Read I John 5:11-21

1. According to verse 11, what is the essence of the Christian witness?
2. According to verse 12, what is necessary for anyone to have eternal life?
3. According to verse 13, what two reasons did John give for writing this letter? What is the connection between these two ideas?
4. What promise does John make to us in verse 14? What condition does he set on this promise?
5. What promise does John make to us in verse 15?
6. What kind of prayer does John say we can pray in verse 16? How does John say God will answer this prayer?
7. When does John say in verse 16 that God will not answer this prayer?
8. According to verse 17, how does John define sin?
9. According to verses 16 and 17, into what two categories does John divide sin?
10. Read John 8:21-24. How does this help you understand “sin unto death?”
11. According to verse 18, what relationship does John say is essential to protecting us from sin?
12. What does John say those who have been born of God tend to do? What do you think he means?
13. Into what two categories does John divide all people in verse 19?
14. In verse 20, what knowledge does John say is essential for God’s people? What relationship is essential for us?
15. What warning does John give us in verse 21?

Apply:

1. Given the necessity of a relationship with Jesus in order to gain eternal life, how important do you think is the work of evangelism and missions? In what concrete ways can you participate in this work?
2. John says that all unrighteousness is sin. What do you think it means to be righteous? How can we determine what is righteous and what is not?
3. Since John tells us that sin is incompatible with the Christian life, how might you need to change your thoughts, words, and deeds? How can you avoid setting up idols for yourself?
4. Given the promise John makes in verse 16, for whom do you think God is calling you to pray?