Effectual Prayers

1 John 5:13-21

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A. Effectual Prayer

1. Answered prayer is guaranteed for those who believe in the Son of God
2 . Answered prayer is the result of praying for things in accordance with God's will
B. God-Honoring, Legitimate Prayers:
1. Pray for yourself and others who sin
2. Pray that God will protect his people from the evil one
3. Pray that God will give us increased understanding/love for his Son
4. Lastly, it is proper to pray, "Lord, keep me from idols"

Synopsis: The Apostle John closes out his letter by charging Jesus' followers to be people of prayer. But he does not simply say, "pray." No, he informs us what <u>not</u> to pray for, and <u>what</u> to pray for, and he assures us of answered prayer if what we ask of God is in agreement with God's will made known by his word.