

What Do You Know for Sure?

Part 1: Jesus Is God

1 John 5:6-11

Big Idea for the Series: Ten weeks of biblical truth designed to show the evidence the Apostle John points to revealing true, saving faith. John said, “I write these things to you so you may know you have eternal life.”

The Bottom Line: Jesus is God.

Review:

In this series, Be Real, we’re discussing the biblical truth from the Apostle John that points to true, saving faith. John said, “I write these things to you so you may know you have eternal life (1 John 5:13).” Many struggle and lack confident assurance in their faith.

Today, we’re going to begin a new journey in wrapping up First John with five life-changing certainties for every believer, certainties that revolutionize life. You could anchor your life on these truths!

Introduction:

Man has a deep desire for certainty. You do, don’t you? In fact, isn’t uncertainty a major cause of stress in our lives? To help us through the uncertainty of life, the Holy Spirit inspired the Apostle John to write First John.

In this little five-chapter letter, the term, “*know*,” occurs 39 times.

It’s really amazing what lengths mankind will go to for certainty.

Tension

We get angry with change, trying to manipulate people to keep the status quo.

We accept the status quo because we know it - even if other options are far better because change is uncertain. “Better the devil you know than the devil you don’t.”

Imagine a life with no certainties.

Uncertainty interrupts our ability to plan for the future.

This explains why it is so difficult for people to change. We like certainty.

TRANSITION: There’s good news this morning. The Apostle John helps increase our certainty in five important areas of life. We’re going to discuss the first one today.

Truth

The first certainty is ...

Jesus is God (1 John 5:6-11).

How do we know Jesus is God? In Matthew 27, people called Jesus a liar and a deceiver. Others suggested he was a religious fanatic, insane, and of the Devil.

So ... how do you know?

God provided you three infallible witnesses to prove Jesus is God. Let's look at John's letter.

First Witness – the water (v. 6).

The water refers to His baptism in the Jordan when the Father spoke from heaven.

This was the Father's authentication or substantiation of His life, ministry, and identity.

Second Witness – the blood (v. 6).

As time drew for Jesus to die, God spoke once again from heaven to a crowd of people in answer to Jesus' prayer ... saying, "I have glorified it [my name], and will glorify it again (John 12:28)."

Third Witness – the Spirit (vv. 6-8)

The primary role of the Holy Spirit is to bear witness to Christ. In fact, He is the "Spirit of Truth," so you can trust Him completely!

The Testimony of God (vv. 9-11)

Since you received these powerful witnesses, why would we reject the witness of God?

Truth is, everyone has faith. They have faith in elevators, doctors, their pharmacist, fellow drivers.

If we trust men, why can't we trust God?

Jesus is God. This is the first Christian certainty, and it is foundational to everything else.

What difference does this make in your life?

1. Jesus is your forgiveness from your past life.
2. Jesus is your abundant life in your present life.
3. Jesus is your eternal life in the afterlife.

Colossians 3:4, "When Christ, **who is your life**, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory."

What confidence does this give you that your past, present, and future are all in Christ? He is your life!

Conclusion:

Uncertainty can be a scary thing, and we've learned how people go to tremendous lengths to maintain the status quo and keep things the same.

But ... **Jesus is God.**

This fact, this truth, which is quite literally The Truth, actually provides you all the confidence you need by forgiving you of your past, providing abundance in your present, and life eternal in your future.

Application:

How do we apply this truth to your life?

You trust. It's by faith that you access this life.

Next Steps:

- Memorize 1 John 5:11
- Trust Jesus with Your Past
- Trust Jesus with Your Present
- Trust Jesus with Your Future

Other Scripture: Matthew 3:17; Romans 8:15-16; John 14:6