

What Do You Know for Sure?

Part 2: God Gives Us Eternal Life

1 John 5:11-13

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: God gives us eternal life.

Welcome Verse: Colossians 3:1

Review

In this 10-week 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).” So many people struggle and lack confident assurance in their faith.

Introduction

Man has a deep desire for certainty. Uncertainty is 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, *know* occurs 39 times.

The first certainty we covered two weeks ago is: We **know** Jesus is God.

Today, we’re talking about how: We **know** God gives us eternal life.

Tension

Why do people fear death so much? Uncertainty.

You have no experience to draw from when facing death; therefore, you have nothing for your mind to wrap around to help you navigate “crossing over.”

You don’t know what it will look like, feel like, smell like, nothing.

People cling to life.

But ... what if there was a way to take the uncertainty out of death?

There's good news this morning. Today, we'll learn from the Apostle John about the matter of life after death.

Truth

[God Gives Us Eternal Life \(1 John 5:11-13\)](#)

1 John 5:11

“And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.”

1 John 5:12

“**He who has the Son has life.** He who does not have the Son does not have life.”

Let's begin our study today for ...

[Those Who Have the Son.](#)

What exactly is promised?

In Revelation 21, John writes a great deal about the new heaven and new earth.

How do you make sure you get all this?

1 John 5:12, “He who has the Son has life.”

What do you need the Son for? You need the Son to pay for your sins.

Can you pay for your own sin? Sure ...

[Those Who Don't Have the Son.](#)

The truth is everyone lives forever. When the Bible refers to the second death or hell, it's referring to an existence completely void of all blessing, help, and contact with God, who is life (John 1:4).

Those who reject God's chance of redemption, forgiveness, and reconciliation will quite literally be cut off from life because the price of our sin is death, or total separation from God (Romans 6:23). They will exist but have no life, no help, no blessing, no happiness, no light (complete darkness), no life-giving substance like water. Nothing! (Revelation 21:8)

For those who reject the doctrine of hell, beware! It's only mentioned in the New Testament 420 times!

Conclusion & Application

1 John 5:13

“I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may **know** you have eternal life.”

The Apostle John wants you to have eternal life. The only way to know for sure is to put your faith and trust in Jesus.

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Next Steps

- Memorize 1 John 5:12-13.
- Place Your Faith in Jesus Christ.
- Set Your Mind on Things Above.

Other Scripture on Heaven: 2 Peter 3:10-13; Revelation 21; Isaiah 9:7, 11:6-9, 60:21, 65:17-19, 66:22; Psalm 72; Zechariah 9:10; Luke 1:32-33.

Other Scripture on Hell: Revelation 14:11, 19:20, 20:10-15, 21:8; Matthew 5:22, 10:20, 13:50, 25:41-46; Romans 6:23; 2 Thessalonians 1:9; 1 Peter 2:4; Jude 7; John 3:16-18; Mark 9:43-48; Luke 16:19-31