

1 John 5: 9-13
"Assurance of Salvation"

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1. Introduction

a. Christian can know that they have eternal life

- witness of God Himself
- God's witness is greater than man's witness
- witness from both heaven (Holy Spirit) & on earth (scripture)
- * Jn 17:3 Jesus Christ
- * Jn 16:7-14 Spirit of truth
- * Jn 15:26 Holy Spirit testifies Jesus
- * Rom 8:15 Gal 5:6 Holy spirit within & Christian cries "Abba (Daddy)"

2. Believer's Witness (vs. 10)

a. Witness within Christian's life

- Christian sits at the trial witness speaking God's words

b. Inner witness

- Rom 8:9, 11, 14-16 Spirit of God witnesses (tell us) we are God's children

* Spirit of adoption

- Holy Spirit convicts (Jn 16:7-11)

c. Resisted witness from unbeliever

- unbeliever makes God a liar

* fact God gave His Son on earth

* why a lie? because person does not believe God's testimony

* Jn 8:44 Devil father of liars

* Rom 3:4 every man a liar

* 1 Jn 1:10 make God a liar if we say that we have not sinned

* 1 Jn 2:4 anyone denying that Jesus is the Messiah

* 1 Jn 4:20 hating brother makes person a liar if he says, "I love God"

d. Weapon of the Spirit

- sword of the Spirit = word of God
- Word of God alive & discerns intent
- Faith comes by hearing Word of God
- Eph 6:17, Heb 4:12, Rom 10:17

3. Believer's Record (vs. 11)

a. Record of eternal life

- Jn 3:15-16 eternal life, everlasting life
- You can know that you have eternal life

b. Eternal life through God's Son

- eternal life is in God's Son
- Jn 10:10 more abundant life
- Jn 14:6 no man comes to the Father but by Me (Jesus)

4. Believer's Assurance (vs. 12-13)

a. Possession of eternal life

- Person who has the Son has life
- 1 Pet 1:3-5
 - * lively hope by Jesus resurrection
 - * Christian kept safe by God's
- * ^{power} Christian kept to salvation through faith

- Rom 3:24-27 man justified by faith

b. Promise of eternal life

- promise only given who believe in Jesus' name
- Christians are Christ's heirs through God's grace
 - * Gal 4:7 heir of God
 - * Mk 10:17, Lk 10:25, 18:18 inherit eternal life
 - * Rev 21:7 inherit all as son of God (adopted children)

- 2 Tim 1:12 I know whom I have believed

c. Assurance given to those who believe

d. Assurance found in the Scriptures

- these things written
- 2 Tim 1:13-14
 - * sound words
 - * committed to Christian
- Jn 5:39 Scriptures testify of Me (Jesus)
- Jn 20:30-31 written that believing you may have life in His name