

THIS IS THE RECORD

1 John 5:10-13

1 John 5:10 - 13 ¹⁰*He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself:* When a person puts his faith and trust on the Son of God, it is inwardly confirmed by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit confirms in our lives that we are the children of God

1. By producing spiritual fruit. Gal 5:22,23
2. By giving power to witness Acts 1:8
3. By giving us a desire for the Word of God--- illumination. 1 Pet 2:2
4. By producing in our hearts a deep conviction over sin---sanctification. John 16:8
5. By giving us a desire to be involved in a local church 1 John 2:19
6. By giving us an internal desire to live a new life 2 Cor 5:17

...he that believeth not God hath made him a liar ...

- If a person receives Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior the Holy Spirit affirms it in his heart.
- If a person chooses to disbelieve God then he is actually calling God a liar. No middle ground.

¹¹*And this is the record, ... testimony, evidence. Eternal life: being loosed or set free or delivered from the penalty of sin, death. Having an unending life.*

Heibert: It is the highest kind of spiritual and moral life, irrespective of time, which God enables the believer to share in relationship with Jesus.

Boice: Eternal life is not merely unending life, therefore. It is the very life of God. What we are promised in Christ is a participation in the life of the One who bears this testimony.

Hath given: aorist tense. Once for all gift. ...given to you at a specific point of time with enduring results forever.

Life: newness, freshness, joy, peace, no death. No separation from God. No condemnation ... this life is in his Son. Eternal life is connected to Jesus Christ.

Why life? Do we need life?

Because of death. Death is in us... Romans 3:10; 3:23; 5:12; 6:23

Death: eternal separation from God in a real place called Hell.

Jesus came to give us eternal life...abundant life...real life...unending life.

John 5:24; 1:4; 3:16, 36; 11:25

¹²*He that hath the Son hath life; ...*

If you have Jesus Christ then you have everlasting life;

If you don't have Jesus Christ your life, then you don't have everlasting life.

Boice: *It is as impossible to have life without having Christ as it is impossible to have Christ without at the same time possessing eternal life.*

Ephesians 2:8 - 9; Titus 3:5 - 6

About eternal life:

1. Gift of God
2. Comes through Christ
3. Becomes ours upon receiving Christ as Lord and Savior
4. Unending.

Purpose of Gospel of John: believe and receive

Purpose of 1 John: That ye might know once you have believed.

Know: have a settled and absolute knowledge

Burdick: *Knowledge that is characterized by assurance, something known with certainty.*

Review Questions:

Explain: 1 John 5:10 *He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself:*

Explain 10b... *he that believeth not God hath made him a liar*

What, according to v.11 is eternal life?

How does one get this eternal life?

According to v.12 what does one have to do to have eternal life?

According to v.13 why did John write this letter?