

Eternal Life For Certain

1 John 5:11-13

I. Eternal life is given only through Jesus Christ, God's Son (1 John 5:11-12).

A. Eternal life comes as a gift through God's Son, Jesus Christ (5:11; Ephesians 2:8,9).

Why People think Eternal life is earned

- It's what we've been taught – parents, church
- It's makes logical sense – merit, paycheck
- It appeals to our pride – We want to defend our goodness.

Why Eternal Life cannot be earned

- We cannot erase our sin by our goodness (Rom. 3:23)
- We could never satisfy God's justice by our goodness (Rom. 6:23 – Death is the required consequence of sin).
- If eternal life were based on our goodness, then God would not get the credit for the gift that He paid for with the death of His Son (1 John 5:11)!

B. If we have God's Son, we have eternal life (5:12).

- Jesus Christ is the only way to have eternal life (1 John 4:9,10; John 14:6; 1 Timothy 2:5; John 3:16).

II. Assurance of Eternal Life is based upon whether we believe in Christ alone (1 John 5:13).

A. John is writing to those who are believers (5:13a).

B. John is writing so that believers would know they have eternal life (5:13b).

1. We can have assurance of salvation based on our faith in Christ, not in our obedience or works (1 John 5:13).

What is the basis of our Assurance of Eternal Life?

Option #1 – Our life/our obedience/our good works – Do we know that we are saved based on how obedient we are to God?

- ✓ **Option #2 – Our Faith In Jesus Christ** – Do we know that we are saved based on our faith in Jesus Christ's death for our sin?

2. We cannot lose our salvation because it is based on God's faithfulness, not on our faithfulness (2 Timothy 2:13).