



Life Is in the Son

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TODAY'S READING: 1 John 5

1 John 5:11-12 is clear and to the point. Our only hope of redemption is in the Lord Jesus Christ. Apart from Christ, there is no salvation. The promise of Scripture and our assurance of eternal life is found only in knowing Jesus Christ, the Son of God. There are only two kinds of people in the world, those who have the Son and those who do not. If you have the Son, you have eternal life. If you do not have the Son you do not have eternal life. The letter of 1 John is all about determining whether or not a person has the Son, and thus, whether or not they have eternal life.

In 1 John 5:13, John is coming to the end of his letter. He gives his purpose for all that he has written so far. He wants all the Christians to be sure about life. He wants them to know that they do have eternal life. He wants to increase their trust and confidence in Christ. Eternal life is not just a future life that has no end. It is life of a better quality, which we can live now.

1 John was written to those who are Christians to give them the assurance that they are saved. We can be assured of our salvation. Only the person who believes that Jesus is the Son of God is born again. Jesus' baptism (water) and crucifixion (blood) and the testimony of the Spirit agree that eternal life is in Jesus. For those in Christ, you can rest in the assurance of eternal life that God gives you.

Our love for others, especially those who are part of the family of God, is nonnegotiable. When the world observes the church in action, it should see love in action. Our motivating thought must be to show others who do not have the Son of God in their lives that He makes the difference both here in this life and in the life to come.

PRAYER: Lord, help us live a life that is motivated by a devoted love for You, a more faithful love for others, and a consistent obedience to Your commands. Lord, thank You for the assurance of eternal life. Give us the courage to share the assurance we have with others. Amen.

TOMORROW'S READING: 2 John

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