

22.0 Understanding Salvation

MEMORIZE 1 JOHN 5:11-12

Assurance of Salvation

“And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.”

These study guides will equip you for your first encounters with the enemy. His first approach is often to cast doubt on the work God has done in your heart. Although you won't hear His audible voice, He will whisper this in your mind:

“You don't think you are saved and your sins forgiven just by believing and receiving Christ? Surely not!”

What will your answer be? Your only hope of successfully resisting such an attack is to resort to God's work. What does God say about the matter? That is the important thing for you to know.

On the basis of this “testimony” –God's written word –you can be convinced you have the Lord Jesus Christ, and with Him eternal life. You can thus overcome in this first test of your faith. The attack may recur, but now you can meet it with the word of God in your heart.

1. EXPLORING 1 JOHN 5:11-12

Who gives eternal life?

Where is eternal life found?

Who has eternal life?

Who does not have eternal life?

“This is the Testimony.”

What did John say in John 20-31 about why he wrote this book?

“God has given us eternal life.”

According to Romans 5:8, how has God shown that he loves you?

What results of man's sinfulness are listed in Isaiah 59:2?

Read Ephesians 2:8-9. Why do human efforts always fail to reach God?

In 1 Peter 3:18 how did Peter explain what God has done to bring men to Himself?

How did John say a person receives the gift of salvation in John 1:12?

“He who has the Son has life.”

According to John 5:24, what three things are the result of hearing and believing?

--present

--future

--past

What did Jesus promise His followers in John 10:27-29?

What takes place when a person becomes a Christian, as described in 2 Corinthians 5:17?

Which of the following changes have you experienced in your life?
(check appropriate boxes)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Inner peace | <input type="checkbox"/> Desire to read the Bible |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New awareness of sin | <input type="checkbox"/> Attitude changes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Victory over sin | <input type="checkbox"/> Sense of forgiveness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New love for God | <input type="checkbox"/> New concern for others |

Write out 1 John 5:11-12 from memory.

Now take a few moments to thank god for all He has given you in Jesus Christ.