

Assurance of Salvation 1 John 5:11-12

Memorize 1 JOHN 5:11-12:

"And this is that testimony (that evidence): God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who possesses the Son has that life; he who does not possess the Son of God does not have that life."

The verses you memorize and study in on Assurance will equip you for your first—and subsequent—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 that is not enough!"

What will your answer be? Your only hope of successfully resisting such an attack is to resort to God's word. 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.

EXPLORING 1 JOHN 5:11-12

"THIS IS THE TESTIMONY"

1. What did God say in John 20:31 about why he wrote this book?

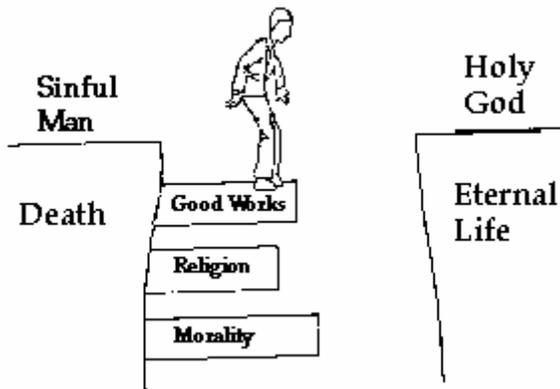
"GOD HAS GIVEN US ETERNAL LIFE"

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

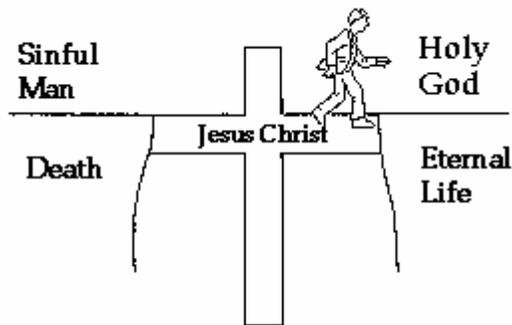
3. What results of man's sinfulness are listed in Isaiah 59:2?



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



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



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

"HE WHO HAS THE SON HAS LIFE"

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

- PRESENT
- FUTURE
- PAST

8. What did Jesus promise his followers in John 10:27-29?

9. 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 the appropriate ones.)

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

WRITE OUT 1 JOHN 5:11-12 FROM MEMORY:

APPLYING 1 JOHN 5:11-12

- Meditate on 1 John 5:11-12 and consider how to apply it to your life.

- How do you know that you have eternal life?

- Now take a few moments to thank God for all he has given you in Jesus Christ.