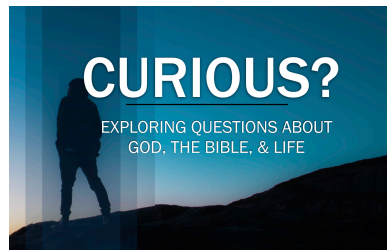


# SEQUOIA NOTES

## Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

### Confident Faith

With Ryan Dawson - Lead Pastor  
May 23, 2021



John 11:25-26 (NLT) Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life, anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. <sup>26</sup> Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?”

John 17:3 (NLT) “And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth.”

### How can we know for certain that we have eternal life?

1 John 5:6-10 (NLT) And Jesus Christ was revealed as God’s Son by his baptism in water and by shedding his blood on the cross —not by water only, but by water and blood. And the Spirit, who is truth, confirms it with his testimony. <sup>7</sup> So we have these three witnesses — <sup>8</sup> the Spirit, the water, and the blood—and all three agree. <sup>9</sup> Since we believe human testimony, surely we can believe the greater testimony that comes from God. And God has testified about his Son.

Matthew 3:16-17  
Matthew 27:54  
1 John 3:24

- **God has testified about His Son Jesus.**

1 John 5:10 (NLT) “All who believe in the Son of God know in their hearts that this testimony is true. Those who don’t believe this are actually calling God a liar because they don’t believe what God has testified about his Son.”

1 John 5:11-13 (NLT) “And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup> Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God’s Son does not have life. <sup>13</sup> I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life.”

- **Eternal life is the true essence of life as God intended.**

- **God has given us eternal life.**

- **Eternal life is found only through a relationship with Jesus Christ.**

v. 11-12 “...and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God’s Son does not have life.”

- **If you have received Christ you have the assurance of eternal life.**

v. 13 I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life.

- **Eternal life is based on facts not feelings**

*“The strength of your faith is not measured by the absence of doubt, but by the faithfulness of your life in the face of doubt.” Nicky Gumble*

- **Eternal life is based on grace through faith and not earned by effort.**

Romans 6:23 (AMP) For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God [that is, His remarkable, overwhelming gift of grace to believers] is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (The Voice) For it’s by God’s grace that you have been saved. You receive it through faith. It was not *our plan* or our effort. It is God’s gift, *pure and simple*. You didn’t earn it, *not one of us did*, so don’t go around bragging *that you must have done something amazing*.

Romans 10:9-10 (The Voice) So if you believe deep in your heart that God raised Jesus from the *pit* of death and if you voice your allegiance by confessing *the truth* that “Jesus is Lord,” then you will be saved! <sup>10</sup> Belief begins in the heart and leads to *a life that’s* right with God; confession departs from our lips and brings *eternal* salvation.

**Big Idea: Cling to Jesus Christ to be confident you have eternal life.**



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