

## Knowing For Sure You Have Eternal Live

*1 John 5:1-4, 13*

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*Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father also loves the one born of him. <sup>2</sup> This is how we know that we love God's children: when we love God and obey his commands. <sup>3</sup> For this is what love for God is: to keep his commands. And his commands are not a burden, <sup>4</sup> because everyone who has been born of God conquers the world. This is the victory that has conquered the world: our faith. [vs. 13] <sup>13</sup> I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.*

A doubting Christian is a defeated Christian.

- Doubt will erode confidence in your prayer life.
- Doubt will destroy confidence in witnessing to another.
- Doubt will hinder your ability to worship.
- Doubt will keep you from fully praising Him.
- Doubt will rob you of victory over temptation.
- Doubt will steal your peace.

The reasons why someone might doubt their salvation:

- They may not be saved.
- They may be plagued by some reoccurring sin.
- [Greatest reason] They are ignorant concerning what the Word of God says about salvation.

What does eternal life mean?

*Eternal life = "God's life"*

**2 Peter 1:4,** *...he has given us very great and precious promises, so that through them you may share in the divine nature.*

John gives 3 descriptions of God:

- God is **righteousness**. [2:29, *if you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.*]
- God is **love** [4:8, *whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.*]
- God is **faithful** [1:9, *he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*]

**1. The Test of Behavior** (1 John 2:3-4, 6)

<sup>3</sup> We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. <sup>4</sup> The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. <sup>6</sup> Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.

## **2. The Test of Brotherhood** (1 John 4:20-21)

<sup>20</sup> If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. <sup>21</sup> And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

## **3. The Test of Belief** (1 John 5:1, 4-5)

<sup>1</sup> Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, <sup>4</sup> for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

<sup>22</sup> But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish

*and free from accusation—<sup>23</sup> if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. (Col. 1:22-23)*