

January 19th, 2020- Pastor Karl Payne
1 John 5:10-13

Intro: Story from Thursday morning phone call.

Purpose for this morning's sermon: Clarifying confusion about conflicting testimonies being shared and taught about Jesus Christ and the means and method of genuine salvation being taught in this context by Gnostics on one hand, and God, through the Apostle John in 1 John 5:10-13.

Verse 9 identifies John's response to the Christians who have willingly placed more value in the testimony of men, Gnostic false teacher, than the testimony of God, regarding His son, the Lord Jesus Christ and genuine salvation.

(Matt.3:17; Matt.17:5; John 12:27-28; John 5:33-39)

Gnostic Docetism

Gnostic Cerinthianism

Prioritizing the precepts and teaching of man over God is not new. "Corbin" **Mark 7:10-11**

Verses 10-13 provide Christians with God's straightforward and unambiguous testimony regarding Jesus Christ and personal salvation.

10 God's **method** for salvation leaves no middle ground.

(John 3:16-18; 3:36; 5:24; 6:40; 8:24; 11:25-26; 20:31; Acts 10:43; 16:30-31; 1 Cor.1:21)

11 God's **means** to salvation leaves no middle ground,

(John 10:28; Rom.6:23; Gal.3:22; Eph.2:8-9; Titus 3:3-6)

12 God's **exclusivity** in salvation leaves no middle ground. Reasonable compromise can be heaven sent or from the pit of hell, depending upon the subject and context.

(John 3:36; 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Tim.2:5)

13 God's promised **assurance** of salvation should leave no questions about the certainty of salvation. **(John 6:37; Rom.8:35-39; 1 Cor.3:11-15)**

A transferable tool from TCT-1, "Essentials" to remember and help yourself or others with when questions are raised regarding God's plan for salvation, God's exclusivity for salvation, and the humility and confidence that every Christian should be characterized by because of the assurance of our salvation.

*11-Context 12-Options 13-Promise Million Dollar Question: Do You Have the Son?
Remember Titus 1:2 and Revelation 3:20*

I do not hope I have eternal life, I know I have eternal life. God cannot violate His character.

When Scripture and my feelings collide, remember the train.