

(1 John Series)

“FAITH IS NECESSARY FOR LIFE IN CHRIST”

1 John 5:10-13

I. THE THREE-FOLD TESTIMONY OF GOD ABOUT JESUS (6-9)

1. Jesus' baptism and death are witnesses to His identity as God' Son.

If the Spirit abides in you, He will confirm this truth in your heart.

2. God loves us and desires that all be saved. (1 Jn 5:13; 1 Tim 2:4-5)

3. What you believe/confess about Jesus Christ matters!

4. Believing God's truths is absolutely essential to our redemption.

5. You can't accept Jesus and reject the Bible's claims about Him.

6. You must have the Biblical Jesus as the object of your faith.

II. OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S TESTIMONY (10-12)

1. Faith is essential in our receiving eternal life from God's Son.

2. You can't be neutral about the gospel; you will accept or reject it.

3. You can't be neutral about the claims of Christ.

4. You get God's abundant life only in a faith-union with His Son.

III. THREE THINGS ABOUT ETERNAL LIFE ARE CONFIRMED (in this passage)

1. Eternal life is a gift not something we earn or deserve. (Eph 2:8-9)

2. Eternal life is found only in Jesus Christ. (John 3:16)

3. Eternal life is the present possession of believers.

CLOSING:

Trusting in and believing in the Christ of Scripture is absolutely essential to salvation. You cannot be a Christian and reject who the Bible says Jesus is.