

1John 5:12–13

Duty and Benefit of Assurance

Thursday, June 27, 2024 ▫ Read 1John 5:12–13

Questions from the Scripture text: Whom does the first one in v12 have? What else does he have? But Whom does the second one not have? And what else does he not have? To whom has the apostle written (v13)? For what purpose has he selected these specific things to write—that they might know what? And what is this knowledge intended keep them continuing to do?

What does faith get for us? 1John 5:12–13 prepares us for the second serial reading in public worship on the Lord's Day. In these two verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that **faith in Christ gets us life in Christ Himself, God Himself.**

If we have the Son of God, we have life so fully that nothing can take it away from us. If we do not have the Son of God, then we have death so fully that nothing at all can give us life. Continuing to believe in His Name, continuing to have our identity in Him, our life in Him, is the way of the Christian life in this world and through to the next. One of the great helps to this abiding in Him is assurance of faith. He uses our knowing that we have Him, He uses our knowing that we have eternal life, to encourage us and keep us believing in Him. By His grace, dear reader, pursue the evidences of being in a state of grace, that you may be assured that the Son Himself has given you life. And by that assurance, keep clinging to the Son Himself.

What are some of the evidences of having the Son that you have learned about in this letter? What, of those evidences, can you see in your own life? What should you do if you do not see the evidence you hoped for—Who can produce it in you? Since God wants you to have assurance, what should you do about that?

Sample prayer: Lord, thank You for giving us life in Yourself. Stir up our faith in You, and make us to know that we believe, so that we may continue to believe in Christ, we ask through Christ, AMEN!

Suggested songs: ARP110B "The LORD Has Spoken to My Lord" or TPH459 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

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First John chapter 5 verses 12-13. These are God's words. He who has the son has life. He who does not have the Son of God. Does not have life. These things I have written to you. Who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know.

That you have eternal life. And that you may continue to believe in the name. Of the Son of God.

So far the reading of God's inspired and generate worked.

If you have the Lord Jesus by faith, Then it is not merely that you will have eternal life when you come to the end of this. Your life in this world to pass into. The next and When you come to stand at the Judgment, like we're thinking about in our catechism question this week.

Now, it is not only that you will have eternal life, it's that you have eternal life already because you have Jesus, If you have Jesus, you have life so much in him. That no matter what else? you Dstill, which you will have. If you have him, you will have all but no matter what else you lack, still, if you have You have life, no lack can take it away from you.

But if you don't have Jesus, whatever else you think you have, you have death so much. That you do not have life because you do not have Jesus. And so, The Apostle tells us that he is written to those who believe in the name of the Son of God.

In other words, to those who have him. And to those who have life. So that we may know that we have eternal life and That we may believe in the name of the son of God. New King James. within the range of the particular. conjugation of the verb.

Ads that you may continue to believe. But the idea is, That he is writing to us who have him so that we may realize What we have in Jesus that we have God himself. That we have spiritual Resurrection from him that gave us faith in him that gave us him himself.

And that this is how we were brought to Believe in him as God the To believe in his name. To believe that the anointed. The Christ, the prophet priest and King. Is the one who is. the Eternal Word God himself. That by his giving us. of his own life.

This is how he came to have him. This is how we came to love him. This is how we came to obey him. This is how we came to love others. And therefore, this is how. We will come to have our faith increased and complete it. This is how Our love for him, will be perfected and obedience and Our love for other believers.

Now that we do not begin the Christian Life in one way. And then continue in some different way. No, the Christian Life has begun by having Jesus Christ and it is continued. By having Jesus Christ. That. So we are to believe in him. And when we have Assurance of Faith, not just, when we know that anyone who has Jesus will be saved, but when we know that we have Jesus, And that we have life from Jesus.

And that this is how he has given it to us. This is one of the ways that he encourages us. To continue by faith, in him to continue. Having life in him.

It is. A sort of encouragement or it would be a sort of encouragement for you. As one of my sons or one of my daughters. to know about me that I love all my children. But your encouragement as my child and to respond to me as your father, Is much greater when you don't just know generally speaking.

That you are the child of one who loves all his children. But when you know that I love you, when you are confident of your of my affection towards you and your connection towards me, Well you see that is one of the ways that the scripture here tells us that God operates in our life.

That not only when we know generally that those who have Jesus have life. But when, you know, specifically about yourself, That you have Jesus and you have life, this encourages you in your relationship with him, it stirs up your love towards him and helps you walk with him and be obedient and live.

One who belongs to him. And so Assurance of faith is an important thing. We would know. It was an important thing. If we had just had, for instance, second Peter, chapter 1, Be diligent to make your calling an election. Sure that would solve it. You know, why do you want Assurance of Faith?

Because God said so sort of like for several of you already. Why do you want to come to the Lord's table? Because Jesus said so, Now, Jesus has given you also, of course, Many benefits of coming to the Lord's table. Many good reasons. Why he commands you to do.

So. So, also in the Assurance of your faith It is a gift and a blessing. It is not only possible. For a Christian to have it is required by God for a Christian to seek and it is useful for the Christian Life. So that you will with joy and Zeal and warmth of affection to God, and Relationship with him.

continue in your Christian life and not continue. Or attempt to continue because you wouldn't anyway. Not attempt to continue in some other way. But rather to continue. By faith in the Lord Jesus. By continuing to look to him. As your life. And to receive your life. From him.

So he who does not have the sun hat. Sorry he who has the son has life? He who does not have the Son of God does not have life. These things. The Apostle says, I have written to you, who believe in the name of the son of God. That you may know that you have eternal life.

And that you may continue to believe in the name of the son of God. So Last thing here. Is that those who are not yet? Believers should not seek Assurance. There is a danger. For. That those to whom Christ is not everything in their heart and their mind, they don't see him to be everything for themselves that they would think.

Aha I can have Assurance. If I have good enough Doctrine about Jesus being the son of God I can have Assurance if I obey the law more and more since those who are believers, increase in obedience, I can have Assurance if I love the Brethren. more and more more and more affectionately, and more and more.

Practically in Deeds of love and service. I can have Assurance if The one unto him to have Christ is not to have every have not yet to have everything. The one who is not believing in him and resting upon him, that one should not seek Assurance. Or they can ever have is a false Assurance, a spiritual Pride, a very dangerous.

Presumptuous sort of thing that is not true Assurance. And so, the first thing then is to see to That you trust in Christ to look to God for Faith to hold on, to Jesus to trust in him. To have the son and to have life. Because these things about Assurance, have been written to those who already believe.

Don't try to get Assurance. Without Jesus. Must get Jesus. If you have him, you have everything. And then it is to you that this book is addressed. That you should seek Assurance. That you are Christ's. That's Brett. Our gracious God in our heavenly father, thank you. For giving us your son for giving us life in him.

For giving us this instruction. That we might know that we believe that we might know that we have eternal life. And we pray that you would give us this assurance. To know that we are in a state of grace and we pray that you would use it. And the manner described here.

To increase our faith to give us perseverance. In the faith. For, we ask it in Jesus name. Amen.