



## **Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine**

**(1 John 5:11 - 13)**

*Study Notes Handout: June 3<sup>rd</sup>*

*He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.*

*- 1 John 5:12*

*Jesus is our life. We need Jesus like we need oxygen; like we need water; like the branch needs the vine. Jesus is not merely a figure for devotions. He is the missing essence of your existence.*

*Whether we know it or not, we are desperate for Jesus. - John Eldredge*

### **Introduction: The Parable of the Mission Trip to Nepal**

- Trust my son even as you trust me. Follow him and he will guide you safely to our village.
- Don't walk in the dark or at night. It is dangerous. Always walk in the light with one another.
- Follow the map that I have sent, and obey everything in it so you don't get lost.
- Stay on the path. Don't get distracted with the attractions that tempt you along the way.
- Take care of each other. Some might find the trek harder than others, so work together.

### **Key Verse: 1 John 5:13**

- *These things I have written unto you who believe in the Name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life.*

### **1. What has John written?**

- "These things I have written" - the various tests / signs / proofs of genuine faith.

### **2. Who has John written?**

- "Unto you who believe in the Name of the Son of God" - those who are truly born of God.

### **3. Why has John written?**

- "So that you may know you have eternal life" - to give assurance to God's children.

### **Practical Things to Discuss:**

- Did the parable of the Mission Trip to Nepal help clarify any spiritual truths for you?
- Do you struggle with having assurance of your eternal salvation in Christ?
- What signs / proofs of your eternal security in Christ do you have in your life?
- What do you think God the Father thinks about you? How does He look upon you?
- How do you need to realign your thinking with God's Word as a result of this message?



## Study and Discussion Questions

### *1 John 5:13-15*

#### **Open It**

1. What might make someone afraid to ask another person for something?

#### **Explore It**

2. Why did John write this letter? (5:13)

3. What confidence can believers have? (5:14-15)

#### **Get It**

4. How can we be confident that we have eternal life?

5. When is it hard for you to approach God with confidence?

6. How can we know whether something is according to God's will?

7. Verse 13 is a summary statement of purpose for the entire epistle. What then are those "things" which assure us we have eternal life?

How would you respond to those who say it is presumptuous to claim we know we have eternal life?

#### **Apply It**

8. What matter will you bring before God this week?