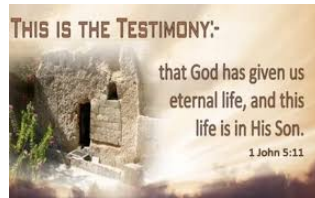


“The Testimony Every True Believer Has in Their Heart”

I John 5:10-13



Introduction: CHANGE is part of life in this world ... and while some changes are good ... MOST changes are hard!

We need to focus our attention not on what has changed, or what is changing, or what may change, but rather, on what is NOT changing and on what will NEVER change.

Hebrews 6:13-19:

The sure and certain hope that is set before us is that the blood of Jesus covers our sins, and His reign at the Father's right hand results in eternal life for all who believe.

I John 5:6-9:

Through Jesus' baptism and crucifixion God testifies by His Spirit that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, God's anointed King.

God has given eternal life to all who believe in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ!

II Corinthians 4:16-18:

I. YOU need to have a testimony!

Many people live in a continual state of spiritual doubt, anxiety and fear, instead of trusting God for today and tomorrow.

I John 5:10: "... Whoever does NOT believe God has made Him a liar."

I John 5:11-13:

John is writing to believers, and is saying that the Holy Spirit produces an inner testimony that comes from God.

Your calling is to testify to others about God and about the Savior. He sent to save us from His just judgment against our sins.

Ephesians 2:1-6:

II. Every true believer has the SAME testimony!

Doubt is the devil's playground! It is the opposite of faith.
The two cannot coexist.

If you are unsure about God and His promises, will you testify that His Spirit now lives within you and that your faith is the victory that overcomes the world??

I John 5:10-12:

Here is your testimony: "God has GIVEN ME eternal life, and this life is in His SON!"

Romans 6:23:

Ephesians 2:8-9:

If the only difference between a believer and an unbeliever is that one chose to believe and the other didn't, then who gets the credit?? Who gets the glory????

Either God has given us eternal life ... OR ... He has only made it possible ... and the rest is up to us.

III. Our testimony is based on and points to GOD's work!

Romans 5:8, 8:7-8:

Those without the Spirit of God are spiritually dead, and totally and utterly incapable of knowing God or believing in Jesus.

The Gospel is the power of God to produce a new heart, mind and will that is now empowered and enabled to believe ... to receive God's gift of grace!

John 1:12-13:

You know you are born again when by an act of your new heart, mind and will you choose to believe in Jesus as your Savior and Lord.

Revelation 3:19-22

The Gospel is this: GOD did and does everything necessary for our salvation!!

I John 5:13: