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1 John 5:10-13
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= a close-knit community with shared identity

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

1 John 5:13

INTRODUCTION
A DISTINCT TRIAL **5:10-13**

NOTE: do we have any old people in the room?

- we need to be reminded of John's age when he wrote this letter

  he was nearly 100 years old

  think of everything he has seen

  he doesn't have time to play games…

- John is straight forward with his topics in this letter...he does not beat around the bush, etc.

  are you going to Heaven?

  if you aren't going to Heaven, why not?

  1 Corinthians 11:28-32
  But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

1. The TESTIMONY of your SALVATION vs 10a

He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself:

John says that if we are truly saved, we already have this witness inside of ourselves...we KNOW we are saved

Romans 10:8 ...The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart...

THE AUTOPSY OF FAITH...NEGATIVE

2 Corinthians 13:5
Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

an autopsy is performed on a dead person to determine why they died

Paul says we should *examine ourselves*

in other words, do an autopsy and see what has killed your faith

Psalm 26:2
Examine me, O LORD, and prove me;
try my reins and my heart.

Psalm 139:23-24
Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

THE AUDIT OF FAITH...POSITIVE

an audit is a test that is given to see what is already there...a test of knowledge so as to approve for service **Haggai 1:5, 7** consider your ways

Paul says we ought to *prove ourselves*

do you believe Jesus is the Son **5:1, 10, 13**

do you love the brethren **3:14**

do you practice righteousness **2:29**

NOTE: in verse 13, John gives us the conclusion of all this testing: *Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God*? If you believe that, you have placed your trust in Him alone to save you and to give you eternal life. To confirm it, John restates the conclusion: you will *keep on believing* that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God.

2. The TEST of your CONCLUSIONS vs 10b-12

...he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

Romans 3:4
Yea, let God be true, but every man a liar.

LET GOD BE TRUE

John minces no words: either you believe the record of God or you call him a liar

1 John 1:10
If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

see also **2:4 (2:22) 4:20**

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1 John 4:9
In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

compare **verses 7-8**

life is not in religion

life is not in good works

John 14:6
Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

GOD'S TESTIMONY TO JESUS' LIFE

2 Corinthians 4:6
For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

GOD'S TESTIMONY TO JESUS' DEATH

John 12:28 Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

THE TESTIMONY OF THE WORD OF GOD

2 Peter 1:19
We have also a more sure word of prophecy...

2 Timothy 1:8-10
Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, but is now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

EVERY MAN A LIAR

if God is a liar, then where do we turn for the truth?

humanism/mankind?

science/evolution? *5 year half-life*

religions?

John 6:67-68
Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.