

1st, 2nd & 3rd JOHN

INTRODUCTION PART XII

Theme:

SUNDAY September 6, 2020 A.D.

LORD'S TABLE

- ✓ **Eyewitness testimony** regarding **The Gospel Message; The Word of Life** manifested in the incarnation, **Son of God/Son of Man** {the full deity and humanity of Jesus Christ, two complete natures, yet one person}.
- ✓ Jesus Christ, our **Advocate** with the Father.
- ✓ **Holiness** of God.
- ✓ **Assurance of Salvation**; the practice of Righteousness.
- ✓ **The love of God the Father as precedent** to our true biblical love of God and our brothers and sisters in Christ.
- ✓ **The New Commandment; Love one another. Self-sacrificial love**, to love as Jesus Christ loves {to love as God loves}.
- ✓ **Orthodoxy and Orthopraxy**; Right doctrine for the purpose of right practice {belief and behavior/good seed and good fruit/ faith and works/ walking worthily/ faith and life/ etc.
- ✓ The **discerning/testing/judging** of “the spirits.” Ever reforming one’s self and the church.
- ✓ **Warning** against false teachers and their heretical teaching.
- ✓ **True believers** versus false converts / antichrists / deceivers / wolves / false teachers / goats / tares / etc.
- ✓ **Antichrists**; Every spirit that does **not** confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh.
- ✓ **Love and Propitiation**, {we do not normally think of these concepts as belonging together}.
- ✓ **Born of God / Born Again / Born from Above** {regeneration / passed out of death into eternal life in Christ}.
- ✓ **Overcoming the world** {the final triumph of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, **King of kings and Lord of lords, The Kingdom of God, The Church and the Gospel.**}
- ✓ **The Exclusivity** of Jesus Christ.
- ✓ The theological criteria **conditioning** the believer’s extension of **hospitality**.
- ✓ **The Last Days**: begin with Christ’s 1st coming and ends with His 2nd coming.
Eternal Life in Christ.
The importance of viewing these three short epistles as **the word of almighty God, breathed out by His Holy Spirit, and necessary for faith and life.**

Eternal Life in Christ: **1 John 5: 11-13, 20-21**

Luke 2:8-20

¹¹And **the testimony** is this, that **God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.** ¹²He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. ¹³**These things I have written** to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, **so that you may know that you have eternal life...** ²⁰**And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding so that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.** ²¹Little children, guard yourselves from idols.

- Eternal life: is **the Testimony given by the Father to Christ His Son, and to His Son’s bride**
- Eternal life: is **the gift of God, the covenant blessing in Christ**, given to all those the Father has given to Christ.
- Eternal life: is **the blessing commanded** by the Father to be **spoken by The Son**
- Eternal life: is **the gift of knowing both the Father and the Son**
- Eternal life: is **the gift of understanding**
- Eternal life: is **the gift of being in God, in Christ, in the Church under one head, even Christ.**
- Eternal life: is **the gift of the testimony given to the Church Universal** by which **we are united and grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ.**
- Eternal life: is **the True God in all His fullness**

John 17: 1-3

¹Jesus **spoke** these things, and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You, ²even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all that You have given Him, **He may give eternal life.** ³**This is eternal life,** that they may **know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.**

John 17:8

⁸for **the words** which You gave Me I have given to them; and they received them and truly understood that I came forth from You, and they believed that You sent Me.

John 12: 44-50

... ⁴⁹For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak. ⁵⁰**I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me.**"

John 6:47-59 60-62, 63-65

⁴⁷**Truly, Truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life....** ⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; **the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.** ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him. ⁶⁵And He was saying, "For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted Him by the Father." [*God grants what He commands to all He has given to Christ.*]

Psalm 133:1- 3

³...For there **the LORD commanded** the blessing---**life forever.**

Titus 1: 1-3

...²in **the hope of eternal life,** which God, who cannot lie, **promised long ages ago,** ³but at the proper time manifested, **even His word,** in the proclamation with which I was entrusted **according to the commandment of God our Savior.**

Ephesians 4: 15

¹⁵but **speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up** in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ.

Ephesians 2: 8-10

⁸For **by grace** you have been saved **through faith;** and that not of yourselves, **it is the gift of God,** ⁹not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For **we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus** for good works, which **God prepared beforehand** so that we would walk in them.

Romans 6: 23

For the wages of sin is death, but **the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**