

THE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

DO YOU KNOW YOUR FINAL DESTINATION?

1 John 5:12-13 Jeff Schreve

He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. 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. 1 John 5:12-13

Do you KNOW that heaven is your final destination?

1. God wants you to know if you have eternal life.

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God [which represents all that Jesus Christ is and does], so that you will know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that you [already] have eternal life. 1 John 5:13 AMP

A. It is absurd to think you cannot know.

B. It makes you miserable and nervous if you do not know.

2. God wants you to understand the basics of eternal life.

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. Ephesians 2:8-10

A. Eternal life comes by grace through faith apart from works.

B. Eternal life produces good works.

C. Eternal life is rooted in faith, not feelings.

*This is the promise which He Himself made to us: eternal life.
1 John 2:25*

3. God wants you to test and see if you have eternal life.

Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you— unless indeed you fail the test? 2 Corinthians 13:5

A. The Savior Test — Are you trusting in Jesus alone?

- B. The Sin Test — Do you have a different view of sin?
- C. The Sanctification Test — Do you have a desire to obey?
- D. The Spirit Test — Do you have the witness within?
The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. Romans 8:16
- E. The Sibling Test — Do you love the people of God?
We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death. 1 John 3:14

Will you leave tonight with assurance?