

GOD IS LOVE

5-Day Devotional: Nothing is More Important than Eternal Life 1 John 5:1-13

Day 1: The Most Important Thing in Life

 **Read:** 1 John 5:11–13; John 3:16; James 4:13–14

 **Key Thought:** Nothing is more important than knowing you have eternal life.

John writes to believers who were shaken and unsure, reminding them that eternal life is not a distant theological idea—it is the greatest need of every person. Life can be taken in an instant, and because no one is promised tomorrow, God wants His people to live with confidence, not uncertainty. Eternal life isn't something you earn; it's something God gives, and He wants you to know you have it.


Reflect:


- Do you treat eternal life as the most important reality in your life?
- Are you living with “I hope so” or “I know so” confidence?
- What would change in your daily priorities if eternal life stayed front and center?

 **Pray:**

Father, open my eyes to the urgency and beauty of eternal life. Help me live with assurance, confidence, and gratitude for the salvation You've given me through Jesus.

Day 2: Evidence of Eternal Life

 **Read:** 1 John 5:1–5; John 16:33

 **Key Thought:** Faith, love, obedience, and victory over the world are not how we earn eternal life— they are evidence that we already have it.

John gives believers three markers that point to the presence of eternal life: genuine faith in Jesus, love for God and others, and a Spirit-empowered obedience that leads to victory over the world. These aren't self-produced achievements but signs of the new birth God has already worked in us. When God saves you, He changes your heart—and the change becomes visible.

Reflect:

- Which of these evidences have you seen growing in your life recently?
- Do you view obedience as a burden or a joyful response?
- Where do you need Christ's victory to be experienced more fully?

 Pray:

Lord, thank You for the evidence of Your work in my life. Strengthen my faith, deepen my love, and help me walk in victory through Your power.

Day 3: Love & Obedience That Isn't Burdensome

 Read: 1 John 5:2–3; 1 John 4:20; Ezekiel 36:26–27

 Key Thought: When God saves you, He doesn't just change your beliefs—He changes your affections.

John ties together love for people and obedience to God, showing that true believers don't obey out of duty but out of delight. Before Christ, obedience feels heavy; after Christ, it becomes a joy because the Spirit empowers what your new heart desires. God gives you a heart that loves what He loves—especially people—and a willingness to follow His commands with joy.

Reflect:


- Has obedience become a “have to” or a “get to” in your life?
- In what areas do you see God reshaping your affections?
- Who is God calling you to love this week that you find difficult?

 Pray:

Holy Spirit, change my heart to love what You love. Help me obey with joy and love others with the same grace You've shown me.

Day 4: God's Testimony About His Son

 Read: 1 John 5:6–12; Matthew 3:16–17; Hebrews 9:12–14

 Key Thought: God Himself testifies that eternal life is found in Jesus—through the water, the blood, and the Spirit.

John points to three witnesses that confirm the identity and mission of Jesus: His baptism (water), His sacrificial death (blood), and the Spirit who confirms truth in the believer's heart. If we receive human testimony every day without hesitation, how much more should we receive God's? God has made it clear: “Whoever has the Son has life.”

Reflect:

- Do you treat God's testimony about Jesus as greater than human opinions?
- How does Jesus' baptism, death, and the Spirit's witness strengthen your faith?
- Where do you need to trust God's testimony more than your emotions?

 Pray:

Father, thank You for testifying so clearly about Your Son. Strengthen my confidence in Jesus and deepen my trust in Your Word.

Day 5: Assurance—From “Hope So” to “Know So”


 Read: 1 John 5:13; Romans 8:38–39; John 10:28–30

 Key Thought: Christianity is not “I hope so,” but “I know so,” because God said so.

John wrote so that believers would have unshakable assurance that eternal life is theirs—not because of their performance, but because of Christ’s finished work. Nothing in all creation can separate God’s people from His love. Eternal life is secure, unearned, and held firmly in the hands of God Himself.

Reflect:

- Do you believe God wants you to live with assurance?
- What fear or doubt do you need to surrender today?
- How does knowing you’re secure in Christ change your relationship with Him?

 Pray:

Lord, thank You that my eternal life is secure in Christ. Remove all doubt and help me walk confidently in the assurance You’ve given me through Your Word.