

Being Certain About the Most Important Thing

1 John 5:13

I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life. (1 John 5:13)

God wants His children to be certain they are forgiven forever and have eternal life.

A) God wants His children to be certain about the most important thing

John 3:16

B) Why God wants you to be certain about being forgiven forever

1 John 4:18; Heb 6:18

C) God wants you to examine yourself to be certain you are forgiven forever

Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine. Test yourselves (2 Cor 13:5).

Work hard to prove that you really are among those God has called and chosen (2 Pet 1:10).

D) God's Spirit gives us proof of our eternal salvation

God has given us his Spirit as proof that we live in him and he in us

(1 John 4:13; John 3:5-7; Ezek 36:26-27).

What will be the obvious effects of the Spirit of God indwelling you? New and holy desires, habits, and feelings.

(Gal 5:17; 1 John 3:9; Gal 5:22-23; 1 John 1:8; 1 Cor 6:9-11)

Discussion ?'s

- 1) What was most meaningful to you about the Sunday message?
- 2) Have you ever struggled with knowing for certain you are forgiven forever? Did you overcome it? If so, how?
- 3) What can you tell someone who struggles with assurance of their salvation?
- 4) How can you tell if someone is a real born-again Christian?
- 5) How does this apply to knowing if children are saved?