



This is the testimony in essence: God gave us eternal life; the life is in his Son. So, whoever has the Son, has life; whoever rejects the Son, rejects life.

My purpose in writing is simply this: that you who believe in God's Son will know beyond the shadow of a doubt that you have eternal life, the reality and not the illusion. And how bold and free we then become in his presence.

1. The *purpose* of God, His *power*, and His *attitude* toward his children.

- * The Prodigal Son
- * The Adoption

2. The efficacy of the substitutionary death of Jesus.

* Hebrews 6:4-6

⁴For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,

⁵and have tasted the good Word of God and the powers of the world to come,

⁶if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance, seeing that they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh and put Him to open shame.

3. The sealing work of the Holy Spirit.

* Ephesians 1:13, 4:30

In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,

4. The nature of the New Covenant made in His blood.

* Hebrews 12: 22-24 13:20,21

²⁰Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

²¹Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

A **covenant**, in its most general sense, is a solemn promise to engage in or refrain from a specified action.

More specifically, a covenant, in contrast to a contract, is a one-way agreement whereby the covenanter is the only party bound by the promise.

5. The continual intercession and advocacy of Jesus Christ.

* Hebrews 7:25

²⁵Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

6. The eternal nature of salvation.

* John 5:24

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

7. The believer's Heavenly perfection.

- * Ephesians 2:4-10
- * Philippians 3:20

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;