# 1 John Lesson 26

**1 John 5:11-12**

“The Record is Very Clear”

Introduction: In witnessing many times when we ask a person if they know for sure they would go to Heaven, we hear people say yes they believe they would. And, that answer is NOT disturbing, but the basis sometimes of that positive response for some people can be. Many are basing their assurance of salvation on some experience they had. This is a totally subjective response without any foundation from God’s Word.

 1) Calling on God to help you in a time of need and seeing a favorable result of that prayer does not give a person a Biblical foundation for eternal life.

 2) Having an emotional experience that gives you a spiritual thrill does not give a person Biblical assurance of going to Heaven.

 3) Experiences vary…and an individual may get a spiritually excited and never meet the requirements given in the Word of God for salvation.

 4) Claiming to Talk to Jesus every day does not assure your home in Heaven…many are able to be deceived.

 5) There must be more than just a testimony of some experience or a statement that a person knows just because…we need a Biblical record.

 6) “He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself.” (Believe unto salvation, you have the witness in yourself that you have eternal life)

 7) Having Christian parents or grandparents is not a basis

 8) Being a member of a Baptist church is not a basis

 9) Not drinking or committing adultery is not a basis

Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God and all that is revealed about Him in God’s Word?

- that He came to this earth as God in the flesh

- that He lived a holy and sinless life

- that He went to the cross as a substitute for sin, not as a martyr or victim

- that He died on that cross for your sin.

- that His blood was shed to pay for the sin of this world.

- that only by His shed Blood can a man be forgiven of his sin.

- that He rose again from the dead and that He ascended back to Heaven

If you have embraced that truth, repented of your sin and called upon Him to save you, then you have eternal life no matter what experience you have or have not had.

One who denies all the revelation of Jesus Christ calls God a liar and his record a lie. God said in His Word that “there is none other name under Heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.”

**I. This is the Record**

 A. In this passage, the words “witness” and “record” are synonyms.

 1. Both words that would appropriately translate into English from two Greek words.

 a. first word – that act of giving the witness

 b. second word – the evidence that is in the witness

c. referring to the fact that a person gave a witness and referring to the substance of the witness.

 d. Two words that mean the same thing…we do this in the English language.

2. The truth presented here is that GOD has bore witness or does bear record of His Jesus being who He is.

 a. God has given the witness.

 b. God has bore record.

 3. God has made sure that there is witness in Heaven and that there is record given on earth.

 a. Three that bear record in Heaven. (Father, Word, H Ghost)

 b. Three that bear record on earth. (Water, Blood, Spirit)

 4. God has given sufficient testimony that Jesus is who God has declared Him to be.

 B. We have the record of the Prophets - Heb 1

 1. God who spoke to the Fathers by the prophets

 a. The prophets prophesied of Jesus – God’s Son

 b. Their prophecy was directly related to the coming of Jesus

 c. The Old Testament books testify of Jesus

 2. God is now speaking to us by His Son.

 a. Every time Jesus spoke, it was God speaking.

 1) “This is My Son

 2) “This is the Messiah”

 3) “This is the Deliverer”

 4) “This is the Saviour”

b. Jesus testified Himself that He spoke only the words that His Father gave Him to speak.

 C. We have the record of the Apostles – Matt, Mark, Luke, John

 1. They all have one synopsis – they all say the same thing

 2. They are all testifying of the same ONE.

 3. God by the witness and the testimony of the Apostles from which we read today.

**II. God has given a Record**

 A. People do not believe because of a lack of evidence.

1. Unbelievers will not be able to stand in the day of Judgment and say if “I would have only had proof”.

 a. That would be to slander God and call Him liar.

b. God has said “This is the Record that God has given unto us eternal life and the life is in His Son.”

 2. God did not fail to give the world sufficient evidence of the record of His Son.

 a. God gave record in His creation.

 b. God gave record in that He spoke from Heaven.

 c. God gave record in that He spoke through the prophets.

 d. God gave record in that He came to earth in the person of His Son.

 e. God gave record through the Apostles.

 f. God’s record is still alive and He speaks today.

B. People do not die and go to Hell because there is no evidence that Jesus is THE only begotten Son of God.

 1. They go to an eternity without God in Hell because they believe not the record.

2. It is not that there is no record, it is just that man chooses NOT to believe the record that God has given.

 a. It is not that man cannot believe.

 b. It is not that man does not have evidence.

c. It is that man chooses not to believe when confronted with Jesus.

 2. Jesus said that men love darkness rather than light.

 a. The witness of God is sure and adequate.

 b. The Word of God is sufficient evidence.

**III. God has given to us Life which is Eternal**

 A. Jehovah is the self-sufficient, self-existent ONE.

 1. There is not another.

 a. The eternal One eliminates the possibility of a two.

 b. God has no rival or competition.

 2. We are not eternal by ourselves.

 a. We are subject to death.

 b. Born with the curse of death upon us.

 c. Man is born, he lives and he dies.

 3. There is that in man that desires to live forever – have life eternal, everlasting.

 B. God has given unto Us Eternal Life.

 1. That which we do not and cannot have by ourselves.

 a. we are limited by time and space.

 b. God knows know no such limitations.

 2. God had to enter into time and space to give to us that which is uniquely His – Eternal Life.

 a. He caused the virgin Mary to conceive (from Holy Ghost)

b. She brought forth her firstborn son – which was only begotten of the Father (which is God)

 c. His name was called Emmanuel – “God with Us”

 3. God stepped into time and space in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ.

 a. He says, “If you have Him, then you have what I am”

 b. “I am Life Eternal and my son is Me manifest in time and space”

 4. Jesus is Life Eternal.

a. “And this is the record that God hath given unto us Eternal Life and this life is in His Son.”

 b. Since God knew that man would want proof, He says watch His Son, Jesus.

 c. He is sinless and perfect and will not be another like Him.

 d. And there has not been another like Him since.

 5. Jesus manifest the power of God over everything that comes against man.

 a. His power over disease

 b. His power over pain and affliction

 c. His power over temptation

 d. His power over the demon world

 e. His power over death and the grave

 C. Some people think of having Eternal Life as what will receive after they die.

 1. They are missing a huge part of what God wants us to understand.

 a. Yes, when a believer dies, they will go to Heaven.

 b. But, your eternal life does begin when you die.

 c. You have Eternal Life and all its benefits NOW if you have Jesus Christ!

 1) Sin has no dominion or power of you!

 2) There is power to meet everything against you!

 3) There is no limitation to His ability in your life!

 2. Many are sitting & waiting their life away to get to Heaven

 a. They are wasting time and missing the thrill of Life

 b. They are letting the usefulness of life pass them by.

Conclusion: What could the life of a NEW Christian really be like if they could realize right away that more than miss Hell and go to Heaven, but they have Jesus right now and all their days on this sin-cursed earth. If you have the Son, why are you living like the world and letting sin beat you up? He that hath NOT the Son of God hath not LIFE!