

“Can I Know for Sure?”

Lord's Supper

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Is it possible to know for certain that I possess eternal 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 5:13

according to the Bible we can know and have assurance.

Illustration: Young marine in my office asked, “how can you know for sure that you are saved?”

There is a witness (testimony) that we have been given eternal life

Well what is the testimony?

And this is the testimony:

1. that, God has given us eternal life,

illustration: a witness in a courtroom

☪ It is a gift. It is not earned or in some way deserved. We cannot win it.

☪ It is life. animation, vitality & significance including all the satisfaction & pleasure of who we are

illustration: claymation art

You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever. Psalm 16:11

☪ It is eternal. The duration of the gift once given and received.

2. and this life is in His Son. 1 John 5:11

So how can we be certain?

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

☪ life = has the Son What does it mean to have the Son?

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, {even} to those who believe in His name, John 1:12

"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. John 5:24

☪ not life = does not have the Son

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven {will enter.}" Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'

Matthew 7:21-23

Conclusion