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To assure is to “put beyond all doubt.” *Lessons on Assurance* will help to assure you or “put you beyond all doubt” regarding some basic promises God has made to Christians. You can become convinced of the reality of these promises in your life as you memorize, meditate on, study, and apply the Scripture verses presented here.

Always memorize the verse presented at the beginning of each lesson. You may want to begin by memorizing the verse, or you may prefer to do the study questions about the verse first. In either case, be sure to memorize the topic and the reference as well as the verse. (The topic for each verse is the same as the lesson title in this book.)

One good way to memorize these is to quote the topic and reference at the beginning of the verse, and the reference at the end of the verse. For example, in quoting the verse in Lesson 1 you would say, “Assurance of Salvation, First John five, eleven and twelve,” and then repeat the verse. At the end you would repeat the reference again.

Learn one phrase at a time. Say “Assurance of Salvation, First John five, eleven and twelve, ‘And this is the testimony . . . .’” Repeat this several times until you know it. Then, repeating what you have just learned, add the next phrase: “Assurance of Salvation, First John five, eleven and twelve, ‘And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life. . . .’” Repeat all of this several times until you know it. Then add the next phrase. Repeat the process until you have memorized the verse.

An essential part of Scripture memory is review. Review, review, review! This will help you retain what you have memorized. Be sure to review each verse daily. You can take advantage of spare moments by carrying the verse cards you have learned wherever you go.

In each lesson you will:

- Memorize a verse.
- Think over what the verse says and means, and answer questions about it.
- Study other related passages.
- Write out the verse from memory.
- Write out a way to apply the verse to your everyday life.

Going through this process of memorizing, meditating, studying, and applying will help you understand and live by the principles presented in the verses.

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## ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

### **MEMORIZE 1 JOHN 5:11-12**

#### *Assurance of Salvation*

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

1 John 5:11-12

The five verses you will memorize and study in *Lessons on Assurance* will equip you for your first encounters with the enemy. His first approach is often to cast doubt on the work God has done in your heart. Although you won't hear his audible voice, he will whisper this in your mind:

“You don't think you are saved and your sins forgiven just by believing and receiving Christ? Surely that is not enough!”

What will your answer be? Your only hope of successfully resisting such an attack is to resort to God's word. What does God say about the matter? That is the important thing for you to know.

On the basis of this “testimony”—God's written word—you can be convinced you have the Lord Jesus Christ, and with him eternal life. You can thus overcome in this first test of your faith. The attack may recur, but now you can meet it with the word of God in your heart.

### **EXPLORING 1 JOHN 5:11-12**

Who gives eternal life?

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Where is eternal life found?

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Who has eternal life?

Who does not have eternal life?

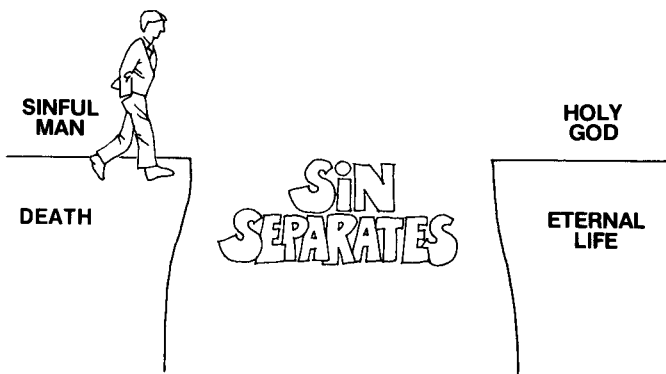
**“THIS IS THE TESTIMONY”**

1. What did John say in John 20:31 about why he wrote this book?

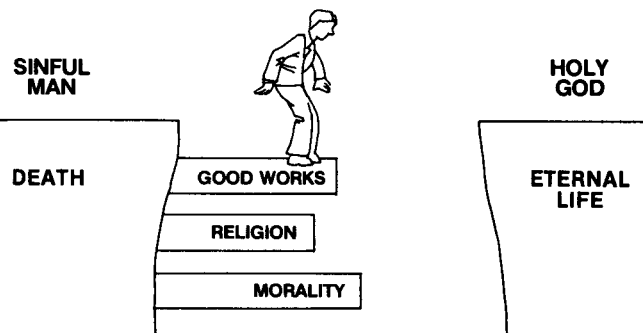
**“GOD HAS GIVEN US ETERNAL LIFE”**

2. According to Romans 5:8, how has God shown that he loves you?

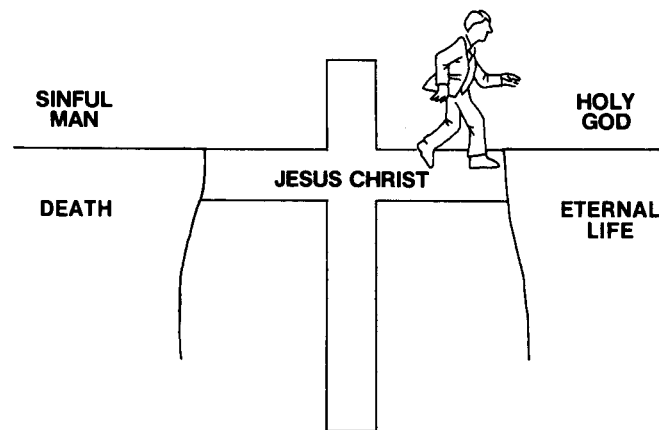
3. What results of man’s sinfulness are listed in Isaiah 59:2?



4. Read Ephesians 2:8-9. Why do human efforts always fail to reach God?



5. In 1 Peter 3:18 how did Peter explain what God has done to bring men to himself?



6. How did John say a person receives the gift of salvation in John 1:12?

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**“HE WHO HAS THE SON HAS LIFE”**

7. According to John 5:24, what three things are the result of hearing and believing?

PRESENT \_\_\_\_\_

FUTURE \_\_\_\_\_

PAST \_\_\_\_\_

8. What did Jesus promise his followers in John 10:27-29?

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9. What takes place when a person becomes a Christian, as described in 2 Corinthians 5:17?

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Which of the following changes have you experienced in your life? (Check appropriate ones.)

- \_\_\_ Inner peace
- \_\_\_ New awareness of sin
- \_\_\_ Victory over sin
- \_\_\_ New love for God
- \_\_\_ Desire to read the Bible
- \_\_\_ Attitude changes
- \_\_\_ Sense of forgiveness
- \_\_\_ New concern for others

**WRITE OUT 1 JOHN 5:11-12 FROM MEMORY.**

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**APPLYING 1 JOHN 5:11-12**

Meditate on 1 John 5:11-12 and consider how to apply it to your life.

How do you know that you have eternal life?

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Now take a few moments to thank God for all he has given you in Jesus Christ.