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**1 John 5:12-15**

**True Life in the Son**

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**A Promise and a Warning**

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

- This is an absolute either/or claim
- “Has the life” implies present possession of eternal life
- This life is God’s gift received by faith

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**Christian Assurance**

**1 John 5:13 (NASB)**  
 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.

- This is a key, biblical promise
- “believing in the name” denotes believing the whole person and work of Christ
- In Christ we lack nothing!

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### Confidence in Prayer

#### 1 John 5:14 (NASB)

This is the **confidence** which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

- “Confidence” is *parre\_sia* “boldness”
- God is pleased that we come to Him in prayer and “hears” implies favorably
- “Before” is “*pros*” and is used in John 1:1 of the eternal Logos (in His presence)

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### God Answers Prayer

#### 1 John 5:15 (NASB)

And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.

- John does not say we will hear inner voices that constitute the answer
- We know He hears (present tense) because we have life in the Son
- We have the answer though it may only be apparent later

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### Implications and Applications

- Those who abide in Christ have the life of the Son
- Assurance is granted to those who are fully trusting in Christ
- Eternal life is a great promise of the Bible
- Avoid false teaching on prayer and rather believe God’s promises

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### Believe the Son and Live

#### **Galatians 2:20 (NASB)**

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

- Like Paul, believers live by faith in the Son
- Christ died for sins; we die with Christ to our old life of sin

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### Orthodoxy Is Not Dead

#### **Hebrews 4:1, 2 (NASB)**

Therefore, let us fear if, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you may seem to have come short of it. For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; **but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard.**

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### Assurance of Salvation

#### **Hebrews 7:25 (ESV)**

Consequently, **he is able to save to the uttermost** those **who draw near to God through him**, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

- “Uttermost” means saved completely, fully
- We draw near to God by faith, not esoteric or cryptic prayer techniques

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**Eternal Life Is God’s Great Promise**

**Luke 10:20 (NASB)**

Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven.

- Having power over demons seemed to be a fantastic power
- Demons going out does not in itself put one in the domain of Christ
- Only those removed from Satan’s domain have eternal life

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**Avoid False Teachings on Prayer**

**Hebrews 4:16 (NASB)**

Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

- Jesus is our High Priest (vs 15)
- We receive mercy and grace, not a personal two-way dialogue
- “Awareness of presence” is not biblical

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