

**Life Assurance**  
**1 John 5:1-13**

**Intro: John's Purpose in Writing**

1. Stated in his Gospel – John 20:30-31  
“That you might believe that Jesus is the Christ”  
“And that believing you might have life through His name”
2. Stated in his Epistle – 1 John 5:13  
“I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God”  
“That you might know that you have eternal life”
3. John states the reasons why we have assurance

**I. Birth that Transforms – 5:1-5**

**Assurance comes as God transforms us**

1. Characterized by Faith – 1  
New Birth comes by faith in Christ – Jn. 1:12
2. Characterized by Love – 1-2  
Love for the Father who brought us to birth  
Love for the other members of God's family
3. Characterized by Obedience – 2-3  
God's children obey His commands  
Love demonstrates itself in obedience  
God's children do not find His commands grievous
4. Characterized by Victory – 4-5  
God's children are victorious over the world  
1 John 2:15-17  
World system is opposed to God – James 4:4  
Christ died to defeat this world's system  
We enter into His victory by faith  
Greater is He that is in you – 1 John 4:4

**II. Basis for Faith – 5:6-10**

**Assurance comes when evidence is certain**

1. Content of evidence is compelling – 6-8  
How do we know Jesus is the Son of God?  
Threefold testimony concerning Jesus  
The water, the blood and the Holy Spirit  
Declared to be The Son of God at His baptism  
Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21, 22  
Declared to be the Son of God at His death  
John 12:28; Matt. 27:45, 50-53; Matt. 27:54  
Declared to be the Son of God by the Spirit  
John 1:32-34; 15:26; 16:14-15; 1 John 4:2
2. Credibility of Witness is impeccable – 9-10  
God Himself is the one who has spoken  
God's testimony is more sure than anyone  
To doubt His witness is to call God a liar  
Holy Spirit confirms this testimony in us  
He witnesses with our spirit – Romans 8:16  
The record is that God gave us his Son

**iii. Belief that is Certain – 5:11-13**

**Assurance comes as we rest on God's Word**

1. Record: He has given us eternal life – 11  
The life God gives is eternal – John 3:15-16  
This life is found in Jesus Christ  
His life is eternal – John 1:1-2
2. Record: He who has Son has life - 12  
Eternal life comes to those who are in Christ  
Outside of Christ there is no eternal life
3. Record: This life is absolutely sure – 13  
You can know for certain you have eternal life  
God promises it to all who trust in Jesus Christ