

Fast Facts #19 1st John 5:9-13

1. John is saying that we accept the testimony of men and if we accept the testimony of humans how much more should we have confidence in God's witness, who tells us that Jesus is His Son.
2. When we believe in the Son of God, we receive the Holy Spirit as an inward confirmation of our standing with God. Paul in Romans 8:16: ***The Spirit, Himself, bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.***
3. Great warning: When we refuse to believe God, we are calling Him a liar. Those, who do not believe in Jesus Christ are saying God is a liar. They may not say this in "so many words", but that is what they are doing.
4. Verses 11-13: John now tells us what this testimony of God is essential. That eternal life is a gift from God, received only in Jesus Christ. John 14:6, ***No one comes to the Father, but by Me.***
5. Here it is plain and simple: if you have Jesus, you have eternal life. No Jesus; no eternal life. Anyone, who calls on the Name of the Lord, that confesses Jesus as Lord, shall be saved.
6. In these verses, John is doing two things: If we believe in Jesus, we have eternal life, and he wants to persuade us to believe that so that we may have eternal life. Our salvation rests in Jesus, not in our performance.