

God Has Given Us Eternal Life!

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1. He who has the Son has life, 1 Jn. 5:12.
2. He who believes in the Son of God has the Son, 1 Jn. 5:13.
 - a. Believe does not mean faith only, Jams 2:26.
 - b. Belief means obedient faith, Hebrews 5:8-9.
3. Therefore, he who obediently believes in the Son of God has eternal life.

Not only is this logical, but it is eminently Scriptural. How unfortunate that some have discolored the truth with their false teaching. **The obedient believer in the Son of God has eternal life.** Is not that what John himself is saying in **1 John 5:13**? Read the rest of the verse: *“These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may **continue to believe** in the name of the Son of God.”* How does one continue to believe in the name of the

Son of God? By continuing to live obedient to the Son's Word. The apostle John is saying nothing different than Jesus said while He was on earth. **John 8:30-31** says, *“As He spoke these words, many believed in Him. Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, ‘**If you abide** in My word, you are My disciples indeed.’”* Those who **continue to believe** are those who **abide in Christ's word**. Of such is the eternal kingdom of heaven!

Eternal Life — Our Present Promise, Not Our Present Possession

Finally, let us note that Christians today possess the promise of eternal life, a promise conditioned upon faithfulness to Jesus and His word. We live *“in hope of eternal life”* (**Titus 1:2**). Possessing that hope means that we have not yet realized it (**Romans 8:24**). We will realize it when Christ comes again, or when we die in faithfulness to Jesus. Until that time, it is not a present possession, but a strong hope. An elderly brother who taught himself out of the erroneous position called “eternal security of the believer” explained this in terms very simple: “If we think that we now possess eternal life, then how is it we eventually die?”

God is faithful (**1 Corinthians 10:13**). God cannot lie (**Titus 1:2**). Therefore, the only **question** remaining is whether or not we **continue** to believe in the Son of God, or whether or not we abide in the Lord's word. If we do, then eternal life is ours and we can **know** it. Comfort yourselves in this knowledge.

“We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.” ~ 1 John 5:19

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