

“Believe And Receive”

1 John 5:9-13

NOTES

Scripture Refs

Gen. 2:1-3; Matt. 12:1-8; 24:1-25:46; Mark 4:11; 9:35; Luke 16:30-31

John 3:16; 13:1,34-35; 14:15,21; 15:5,15; 17:9; 20:19; Acts 16:30-31; Rom. 5:8

Eph. 4:25-32; Heb. 2:17

Reflection & Discussion

1. John declares that God’s testimony of Jesus is greater than man’s:
 - a. Why are people often willing to *reverse* that, accepting man’s testimony over God’s?
 - b. What are some of the ways that God has testified concerning the Son’s identity?
2. Verses 10 through 13 convey the message of salvation: *believe in Jesus and you will have eternal life*.
 - a. Consider and discuss the word “believe”: what does it mean in this context?
 - b. How do we know that John is referring to salvation, and not sanctification? Why is that distinction important?
 - c. EXTRA CREDIT: why do people want to add rules, rites, rituals, and religion when it comes to being saved?
3. Verse 13 is John’s sweet affirmation for his audience: “you’re saved because you believe in Jesus”.
 - a. Why do you think some Christians struggle with assurance of salvation?
 - b. How should knowing that you are eternally secure affect your life *practically*?