

Eternal Life

I John 5:11-13

What is eternal? How would we explain it to an unbeliever?

1. Eternal life is a gift of God

- it is not human achievement
- see Romans 6:23, 8:32, Ephesians 2:8

2. Eternal life is in Jesus

- Faith in Christ is what gives us eternal life. (see John 3:16)
- This life is in Christ (v.11)
- Christ is eternal life (5:20)
- Eternal life is knowledge of God and Jesus Christ (John 17:3)
- Is eternal life only in Jesus? (5:12)

3. Eternal life is a present possession

- see John 5:24
- “zōēn aiōion” – “life belonging to the age”
- this age has broken into the present age
- What’s the relationship between death and eternal life?
(John 11:26)

4. Eternal life can be a certainty

- The purpose of the epistle is assurance
- The purpose of the Gospel of John (John 20:31) is different from the Epistles of John
- The two purposes combined:

Hear → Believe → Live → Know