

Experiencing Life At Its Best

1 John 5:5-12

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A few weeks back, I closed my message with the words – *what you believe about Jesus is eternally significant – if you deny the deity of Christ, you lose!* I spent time this past week reading through 1 John again and was reminded that he had two main concerns for his friends: 1) that they would believe that Jesus is who He said He was – the very Son of God and 2) the importance of responding to that truth – to love God supremely and others sacrificially.

1. More Evidence That Jesus Is Who He Said He Was – 1 John 5:6-10

- He was not just some impersonal Force that they experience

- John provided first hand testimony for them to remember
 - Christ came by water & blood

 - The Spirit of God testifies to the heart of anyone who believes

2. Eternal Life Is More Than Just A Home In Heaven – 1 John 5:11-12

- The focus in many evangelical churches – *make a decision for Christ*
- Eternal life starts at the moment new birth takes place
- The danger many churches face – making the commands burdensome
- What Jesus is aiming for

What Now? Questions for us to consider:

1. Do you have this kind of life – the joyous life filled with gratitude to God for His grace?
2. Have you started where every sincere follower of Christ began?
3. Do you view following Christ as more of a burden instead of a blessing?