

## Strong and Sure

*Sure About Eternal Life – I John 5:9-13*

## Discussion Points

*June 7, 2020*

## Read/Reflect

1. Read I John 5:9-13 aloud, and discern John's reasoning about the testimony we have of the truth of Jesus. You may want to include verses 6-8 in your reading. Why is he so concerned about "testimony?"
2. To what other aspects of faith life does the certainty of eternal life lead us? See verses 14-21.

## Explore

3. How do you imagine life after death? From where did you learn these ideas or pictures? What struggles do you have about eternal life or about the assurance of your eternal life?
4. What motivates you to desire eternal life? How does this match up with John's comments about eternal life? What "idols" (things or experiences) do you substitute for the abundance or fullness of life in Christ (5:11)?
5. What does it mean in your present context to live the life of eternity right now?
6. What convinces you that being in Christ really is living (5:12)?
7. Review some of themes of First John that have been highlighted in this series. Which ones have been the most helpful to you as you strive to live your life more confidently in Christ?

<input type="checkbox"/> Sure about Jesus (1:1-4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Strong in Love (3:11-18 & 4:7-21)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sure about Forgiveness (2:1-2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Strong in Faith (5:1-5)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sure about Identity (3:1-3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sure about Eternal Life (5:9-13)

## Pray

- *"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more." (Revelation 21:1)*
- *Pray for the Spirit's presence so that you may experience the blessedness of eternal joy today.*