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## **“To Have, or Not To Have”**

*I John 5:10-12*

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### I. Introduction

#### A. Review

1. This chapter has shown us many things
2. We've seen the marks of a true believer
  - a) Not only that we are to love our brethren, but also to love God and keep His commandments
  - b) By our obedience, we prove not only our love but our faith
  - c) As we follow His instruction by faith, God gives the victory!
  - d) The only way to start to have victory over the wicked world around us is by faith in Jesus Christ
3. We've seen the witness for the Son of God; the Author and Finisher of our faith!
  - a) The witnesses of the record
    - (1) Father
    - (2) Word
    - (3) Spirit
    - (4) Blood
    - (5) Water
  - b) The Record not only in Heaven but in earth
  - c) We have also seen the superiority of God's Witness over man

#### B. A Choice

1. The choice we will see today is before all men
2. To believe or not to believe
3. To have life or to make God a liar
4. Consider now: “To have, or not to have”

## II. Disciple or Deceptive? (v. 10)

### A. Witness \_\_\_\_\_

1. Here we see the believer
2. One who is born of God
3. Here Christ is described as “the Son of God”
  - a) Matthew 27:54.
  - b) Mark 1:1.
4. He is worthy of our belief; he is worthy of our faith and trust!
5. We who have believed are said to have the \_\_\_\_\_ in ourselves
  - a) Romans 5:5.
  - b) Romans 8:15-16
  - c) Galatians 4:6.
  - d) Ephesians 1:13.
6. We have not only the external witness in heaven and in earth
7. Each believer has the witness of Jesus Christ and His Gospel abiding within us

### B. Troublesome \_\_\_\_\_

1. Along with with believer, we have also here a non-believer
  - a) More precisely, “he that believeth not”
  - b) What, or rather, “Whom” does this person not believe?
  - c) Previously we’ve seen that God bears record in heaven of Jesus Christ
  - d) He’s arranged for the bearing of witness in Earth of Jesus Christ
  - e) Each believer has this testimony in himself of Jesus Christ
  - f) All arranged by almighty God and as we see in verse 9
2. Grave implication of unbelief
  - a) This persona has made “him”, that is they have made God, a \_\_\_\_\_
    - b) Maybe you’ve heard this: “You callin’ me a liar?!”

- c) This is not someone who shakes their fist at God; Blatantly and arrogantly denies God
- d) Not someone actively trying to overthrow Christ and His Church
- e) We've seen that already in the spirit of antichrist
- f) This is simply someone who has heard the Gospel and \_\_\_\_\_ it
- g) John 3:33.
- h) John 5:37-38

- 3. The end of this verse tells us that God has given us a record of His Son (Matthew 17:5)
- 4. Many today are living a life that is calling God a liar by rejecting His Son

### III. Life or Death? (vv. 11-12)

#### A. Setting the Record \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 11)

- 1. Here is the record
  - a) A recording of things
  - b) Something intended to be preserved and also shared
  - c) What is it recorded in His Word?
  - d) "God hath given to us \_\_\_\_\_ life"
    - (1) Salvation is a free gift
    - (2) Nothing is to be done that it might be earned
    - (3) God has placed no requirements on it
    - (4) Even if He, a holy God, had made forgiveness conditional, we would only ever fail to meet the conditions
    - (5) Romans 3:19-20
  - e) He has \_\_\_\_\_ it by His only begotten Son
    - (1) Jesus Christ the Righteous
    - (2) John 1:4.
    - (3) John 3:14-17

- (4) Matthew 9:12-13
- (5) Romans 5:8.
- (6) 1 Timothy 1:15.
- (7) 1 John 3:5.

B. Have, or have not? (v. 12)

- 1. If salvation and forgiveness come by the Son
- 2. His shed blood and substitutionary death for our sins
- 3. If “this life is in His Son”
- 4. The next verse simply follows the logic
- 5. Salvation comes not by:
  - a) Church membership
  - b) Helping the poor
  - c) Giving
  - d) Baptism
  - e) Good lineage
  - f) Repetitious prayers
  - g) Confessing to men
- 6. Rather, It comes by \_\_\_\_\_ the Son
- 7. This verse really simplifies it:

ETERNAL LIFE	
Have The Son	Have _____
Have Not The Son	Have _____ Life

- 8. John 3:18.
- 9. Acts 4:10-12