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Undeniable Evidence

1 John 5:9-12

I. Introduction:

A. The Character of God

- The Bible is a wonderful book for it reveals to us the character of God.
- Two evidences, that are the most characteristic of God, are justice and mercy.
 1. - Justice
 - a. God is a God of justice. He is the righteous judge of all.
 - b. We can see the justice of God in three things.
 - (1) The Law
 - a. God gave us His law which clearly sets forth right and wrong.
 - b. We're created in God's image & have a God-given conscience convicting us of wrong. God's law is true and just because He is true and just.
 - c. Obligation – As God's creatures we're obligated to obey and worship Him.
 - (2) Evidence
 - a. When God brings a charge against a person, there's always supporting evidence
 - b. **Revelation 20:12** states God has books containing a record of everyone's works
 - c. All our sins are recorded, evidence collected and maintained in heaven.
 - d. Those who are saved by faith in Jesus have those sins forgiven.
 - e. Those who refuse Jesus will one day stand before God at the Great White Throne judgment and answer for them.
 - (3) Proportionate punishment
 - a. God's punishment for sin is proportionate and just. The penalty of sin is death.
 - b. Those who die in their sin will spend eternity in the Lake of Fire.
 2. - Mercy
 - a. The Bible reveals God is a God of mercy and grace. (**1 Timothy 4:3-4**)
 - b. God loves every human being and desires that all would be saved.
 - c. God loves us so much He gave His only Son to die as payment for our sin.
 - d. Salvation – The free and full pardon of sin is available to anyone who will confess before God and by faith in Jesus ask for His forgiveness.

II. Undeniable Evidence (1 John 5:9)

A. The Value of Witnesses

1. The witness of men in a court of law is sufficient to validate a truth.
2. Our legal system practices this principle every day.
3. The jury listens to witnesses and exams the evidence of the case.
4. Based on testimony of witnesses & evidence presented, jury & judge make conclusions
5. The accused is either guilty or innocent based on testimony and evidence.
6. Old Testament: In the Old Testament two or three witnesses were required to find a person guilty (**Deuteronomy 17:6 & 19:15**).
7. God's Witness Greater: John points out if the witness of men is sufficient to validate a truth, how much more should we believe the witness of God!
8. God has given irrefutable witness & evidence to the person & work of His Son, Jesus.

B. The Witnesses Concerning Jesus

- The testimony of the whole Bible converges on Jesus.

1. – God the Father (Matthew 3:17)

a. All that Jesus said of Himself is validated by the Father who spoke from heaven.

2. – God the Holy Spirit

a. The Holy Spirit bears witness of Jesus in the world. (John 15:26)

b. The testimony & conviction of the Holy Spirit draws the lost to saving faith in Jesus.

3. – The works of Jesus

a. The life of Jesus testifies to who He is in the works He did, His ministry. (John 5:36)

III. Choice (1 John 5:10)

A. He Who Believes

1. Believing in the Son of God means more than just believing testimony given is true.

2. We can believe the testimony concerning Jesus is true and yet not respond to it.

3. The true testimony concerning Jesus calls for a response, for action on our part.

4. We must respond by confessing our sin to Him & by faith asking for His forgiveness.

5. Correct response to testimony concerning Jesus is to place one's faith in Him, be saved

6. Application: If you've never invited Jesus to be your Lord & Savior, do so today.

B. He Who Does Not Believe

1. The 2nd choice a person has is to reject the witness of God concerning Jesus Christ.

2. Those who reject the testimony concerning Jesus Christ are impugning the veracity of the Father. They're in fact calling God a liar which is the height of blasphemy.

IV. Essence of the Christian Faith(1 John 5:11-12)

A. Eternal Life

1. The essence of being saved is to have eternal life in Jesus Christ.

2. Eternal life is more than just perpetual existence which all human beings have.

3. Every human soul will exist forever in one of two places, heaven or the lake of fire.

4. Eternal Life In Christ means those who're saved have privilege to live eternal life as characterized by Jesus. Having eternal life in Jesus is to share in very eternal life of God

5. Application Sharing in eternal life of God is to share in all attributes of God's person.

(1) – In God there is holiness

a. We will enjoy an eternal existence in heaven with no possibility of sin.

b. We will enjoy perfect holiness for eternity.

(2) – In God there is love

a. To share in the eternal life of God is to enjoy perfect love.

b. Our eternal life will be marked by love in the highest degree.

c. All human relationships in this life will be elevated to perfection in heaven.

(3) – In God there is peace

a. To share in the eternal life of God is to enjoy perfect peace.

b. In heaven there will be no fear, no anxiety, and no regret.

c. In heaven there'll be no conflicts, disagreements, anger, or wrath, and no hatred.

d. Just perfect peace and harmony forever.

(4) – In God there is power

a. To share in the eternal life of God is to have complete victory over the enemy.

b. There will be no death in heaven, no funerals or graveyards.

c. There will be no old age in heaven, no sickness, no disease, & no pain in heaven.

d. The power of God has set us free from our greatest enemy, death.

B. He Who Has The Son Has Life

1. Those who are saved by faith in Jesus have eternal life right now. (1 John 5:12)

2. In Jesus we have:
 - a. The holiness of God right now
 - b. The love of God right now
 - c. The peace of God right now
 - d. The power of God right now
3. We have the life of God in us right now. It is not yet perfected because we are still in these sinful mortal bodies.

C. Conclusion

1. Notice the definitive doctrine John sets forth. (**1 John 5:12**)
2. Those who have Jesus have life, eternal life with purpose.
3. Those who do not have Jesus have no life. There is no middle ground.
4. You are either saved by faith in Jesus right now or you're lost & on your way to hell.
5. Jesus wants to forgive your sin and give you His eternal life.