

How Can You Know That You Know You Have Eternal Life?

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Letter & Author: 1 John, John the apostle, brother of James

Date: between 85 and 90AD

Recipients: Jewish Christians in Asia Minor (present day Turkey)

Purpose: to encourage Christians and confront false teachers

Themes: light / darkness; life / death; love / hate; truth / falsehood
(for more, watch <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/1-3-john/>)

Jesus Christ is Life, everything else is just **football**

¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ² The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³ We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴ We write this to make our joy complete (1 John 1:1-4, NIV).

1. Jesus is the **Source** and **Goal** of all life, A to Z
2. Jesus was eternal “from the beginning” and “with the Father”
3. Jesus was made manifest in **history** (also John 1:14)
4. Jesus was real, with a **material** , physical body
5. The goal of life is **fellowship** with the Father and Son
 - Sin breaks fellowship with God and other believers
6. The result of fellowship with Jesus and others is **joy**
 - Sin robs us of joy

“We **proclaim**

“Every takeaway is a **giveaway** .”
(see also 1 Corinthians 11:23)

- Peter and John in Acts 3:15 and 4:20
- Paul in Galatians 1:11-12 and Peter in 2 Peter 1:16