

HE STANDS UP FOR US – PART XII

- You can know...You can really know!

¹¹And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹²He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

¹³These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. **I John 5:11-13 NASB**

¹¹ And this is that testimony (that evidence): God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

¹² He who possesses the Son has that life; he who does not possess the Son of God does not have that life. ¹³ I write this to you who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) the name of the Son of God [in the peculiar services and blessings conferred by Him on men], so that you may know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that you [already] have life, yes, eternal life. **I John 5:11-13 AMPC**

- John lists five rock solid certainties so you can know that you have eternal life.
- He uses the word 'know' seven times in the next eight verses...he wants us to know the truth...

¹⁴This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that He hears us *in* whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him. ¹⁶If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not *leading* to death, he shall ask and *God* will for him give life to those who commit sin not *leading* to death. There is a sin *leading* to death; I do not say that he should make request for this. ¹⁷All unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin not *leading* to death. ¹⁸We know that no one who is born of God sins; but He who was born of God keeps him, and the evil one does not touch him. ¹⁹We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in *the power of* the evil one. ²⁰And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding so that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. ²¹Little children, guard yourselves from idols. **I John 5:14-21 NASB**

- These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know you have eternal life.
 - Everything John has written in the first four and a half chapters of this book are for this purpose.
 - 'Believe" ...we give our 'all' to Him...not intellectual acceptance alone but 'selling out' and 'buying in.'

The Five Rock Foundations

1. That you may know that you have eternal life...assurance of your salvation is the first thing...confidence about your life in God's external life is not so much a period of time but a person...
2. Confidence in answered prayer. (v 14-17)
3. Victory over sin and Satan. (v18) (See Romans 6:15-22)
4. We are of God...we belong to Him. (v 19)
5. Jesus is God...Jesus Christ truly is God...(v20)

Little children, guard yourselves from idols. I John 5:21 NASB

You shall not make yourself any graven image [to worship it] or any likeness of anything that is in the heavens above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

Exodus 20:4 AMPC

¹⁹Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with wrath, and his facial expression was altered toward Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego. He answered by giving orders to heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated. ²⁰He commanded certain valiant warriors who *were* in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego in order to cast *them* into the furnace of blazing fire. ²¹Then these men were tied up in their trousers, their coats, their caps and their *other* clothes, and were cast into the midst of the furnace of blazing fire. ²²For this reason, because the king's command *was* urgent and the furnace had been made extremely hot, the flame of the fire slew those men who carried up Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego. ²³But these three men, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, fell into the midst of the furnace of blazing fire *still* tied up.

²⁴Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astounded and stood up in haste; he said to his high officials, "Was it not three men we cast bound into the midst of the fire?" They replied to the king, "Certainly, O king." ²⁵He said, "Look! I see four men loosed *and* walking *about* in the midst of the fire without harm, and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of *the* gods!" ²⁶Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the furnace of blazing fire; he responded and said, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, come out, you servants of the Most High God, and come here!" Then Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego came out of the midst of the fire. ²⁷The satraps, the prefects, the governors and the king's high officials gathered around *and* saw in regard to these men that the fire had no effect on the bodies of these men nor was the hair of their head singed, nor were their trousers damaged, nor had the smell of fire *even* come upon them.

²⁸Nebuchadnezzar responded and said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, who has sent His angel and delivered His servants who put their trust in Him, violating the king's command, and yielded up their bodies so as not to serve or worship any god

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except their own God. ²⁹Therefore I make a decree that any people, nation or tongue that speaks anything offensive against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego shall be torn limb from limb and their houses reduced to a rubbish heap, in as much as there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way.” ³⁰Then the king caused Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego to prosper in the province of Babylon. **Daniel 3:19-30 NASB**

- Keep yourself from idols and God will deal with the fire.
- Reject the false and embrace the real.

And in that day, says the Lord of hosts, I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they shall no more be remembered; and also I will remove from the land the [false] prophets and the unclean spirit. **Zechariah 13:2 AMPC**

- Burn all your Billy Idol records! – Just kidding 😊
- An idol is anything that occupies the place of God or that gives you false ideas or concepts of God...anything that crowds God out of the central place in our lives is an idol...a false picture of God that causes us to fall away from a relationship with the true God.
- The world is full of ‘self-made men’ that worship their creator.