

and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. (John 17:3)

2. Discussion: In our discussion of this basic belief, we are able to follow our Bible passage on a verse by verse setting. In our analysis we are first concerned with:

a. The Record... John 5:11..and this is the record (witness, testimony), that God hath given us eternal life, and this life is in his son.

In pursuing this subject it is most useful so simply see what John has said about Christ and what our Lord said about his own ministry. We cite the following passages in John's Gospel and, in this written form, do not have time to comment on them in any length. The reader may consult them and thereby see exactly what the record says and why it says it. This, says John, is the positive proof and assurance of the matter in which we stand. We have a record of redemptive dealing. Here it is in part:

John 1:1-14, 29-34
John 3:14-21
John 6:47-69
John 10:1-10
John 14:1-6

This by no means completes the record but it does get one started. He will find that the Lord Jesus came to bring us life through the forgiveness of our sins and acceptance with God. He will find that in him is life and that those who are alive are in him. That is the record, founded on the truth of the Bible itself and the witness of our Lord as the inspired source of blessing.

b. The State of Every Man... John 5:12
"He that hath the Son hath life and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. This verse measures every man.-.not in a prejudicial or demeaning way but as a matter of fact. One either has the Son or not.