

But his possession or lack of life is based on that simple concept. The gift of God is in his son. Those who are his and trust in him have that gift. Those who do not do not have it. It is just that direct. By such a simple formula one may know exactly how he is in regard to God. The following verse will clarify this a bit. But note that in harmony with John 1, the having of the son is not a matter of parentage or church but of believing on him. We proclaim to the world that "whosoever believeth in him will not perish"...and the reason he will not perish is that he will have life...and life eternal. Measure yourself. If you are not in Christ...do not have the Son, you are not alive. If you are in Him, do have the Son, you do have life, no matter what other state might be true of you or whatever other aspect of life you might fall into.

c. The Assurance of the Soul 1 Jn. 5:13
"unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God." Belief on the name means acceptance of the Person. A personal recognition that Jesus Christ was God come in the flesh to save us. That he is my Messiah, Savior, Redeemer is the basic part of the item of belief. When one wonders (as he might if he did not have the advantage of Bible teaching) if he has the Son, he reads this verse and says: "Do I believe on His Name? Do I believe that he is Jesus? Do I believe he died for and saves me?" Those who believe on his name have the assurance of the soul and the guarantee of life. They have the Son.

3. Conclusion. This, we believe is the day and age of grace. We believe the Lord when he tells us that "Whosoever shall call on the Name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13). Hence we preach a message of salvation to lost men on the basis that "whosoever hears"...let him respond and come. It is our belief that there is a heaven to be gained and a hell to be shunned and that the means to the one and from the other is saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. It is this belief we proclaim to a lost world. For after all the theological debates are over...the condition of your soul will remain...a life is available through the Son of God.