

realize that the Lord entered my life when I trusted Him and promised He would never leave nor forsake me. I cannot go into all of the details now...it was a painful experience. But my help came from the Word of God and the simple truth of 1 John 5:12..."He that has the Son has life..." And that is the test of life, having the Son.

## II. Discussion:

- A. We believe on the Son of God. There are all sorts of ways in which people come to the Lord but this is basic. Whether in John 1 or 1 John 5, we believe on the Son of God. We believe that He is the Saviour, that He has paid the price for our sins, that He brings us to the Father. He does all of this as a work of grace as we read in Ephesians 2. Through faith in Him we are made part of the family of God. It is a wonderful thing.
- B. We believe what God has said about Him as He relates to us. We may well need to go back to John 6 and see that all the Father gives to Him will come to Him and He will in no wise cast them out. We may see in Ephesians 1 that the Father sees us "in His Son" and we may read in Romans 8 the remarkable things He has done for us in the spiritual world.
- C. As we believe in our hearts so we confess with our mouths. This is the picture of Romans 10. This confessing of Christ in 1 John 5 becomes a sealing for us and the reality of knowing Him assures us of life. If we have doubts, we pray. If we have trials or burdens we cast them on Him. The presence of the Son in our lives is the test of life. But if the Son is not there...life is also not there. How glad we are that in this day of grace the Lord is still receiving all those who will call on Him and giving them the knowledge of the Son of God as the proof of life.

III. Conclusion: The test of life is the Son of God...maybe we should say the possession of the Son of God. Whatever the case, to know Jesus the Saviour is to live and to not know Him is to die. To every audience and to every conference we say simple what Paul said to the jailor in Philippi: Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved.....

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*Some unnecessary added notes on this conference...reflections of the past.  
As this was my first Skylands conference I was impressed by a lot of things*