

An Outline of 1 John

Prologue (1:1-4)

- I. The Tests of Eternal Life: Cycle 1 (1:5—2:27)
 - A. Obedience to Jesus Christ & His Word (1:5—2:6)
 - B. Love for God & His People (2:7-17)
 - C. Faith in Jesus Christ & His Gospel (2:18-27)
- II. The Tests of Eternal Life: Cycle 2 (2:28—4:6)
 - A. Obedience to Jesus Christ & His Word (2:28—3:10)
 - B. Love for God & His People (3:11-24)
 - C. Faith in Jesus Christ & His Gospel (4:1-6)
- III. The Tests of Eternal Life: Cycle 3 (4:7—5:21)
 - A. Love for God & His People (4:7-21)
 - B. Faith in Jesus Christ & His Gospel (5:1-15)
 - C. Obedience to Christ & His Word (5:16-21)

The Nature of Saving Faith (Pt. 6)

1 John 5:1-15

- I. The Cause of Saving Faith (1a)
- II. The Results of Saving Faith (1b-5)
- III. The Object of Saving Faith (6-12)
- IV. The Assurance of Saving Faith (13-15)
 - A. The Reality of Assurance (13)

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1. It's confidence that we have eternal life, which includes confidence in our forgiveness, justification, adoption, and ultimate glorification.
2. It's only for those who believe in the biblical Jesus and gospel.
3. It's not equally enjoyed by all true Christians.
4. It's God's explicit plan for every believer.
5. It's primarily objective, not subjective.
6. It's gained by applying the three tests of eternal life in 1 John.
 - a. Examine your life against the three tests in 1 John.
 - b. Believe and rest in the promises of the gospel.