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LOVE IS THE BRAND

Love is the Brand – Week #5 **What We Know for Sure – 1 John 5:11-13**

John 20:30-31 (NIV)

30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

1 John 5:11-13 (NIV)

11 And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

1. “What do we know for sure about eternal life?”

- Eternal life is about a quality of life, not just a quantity of life.

John 3:16 (NIV)

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 17:3 (NIV)

3 Now this is eternal life (he's about to define it; you better lean in to this): that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

- Eternal life is a gift you receive, not a reward that you must earn.
- Eternal life is a present reality, not simply a future possibility.
- Eternal life is a Person, not a place.

2. "How do I know for sure that I have eternal life?"

- Is there a pursuit of intimacy with Jesus in my life?
- Is there a pattern of obedience to Jesus in my life?

1 John 2:4-6 (NIV)

4 Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar (John really soft pedals the truth), and the truth is not in that person. 5 But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: 6 Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

John 14:15 (NIV)

15 "If you love me, keep my commands."

- Is the life of Jesus present in my life?

1 John 4:7-8 (NIV)

7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

3. “How do I know for sure that this is permanent?”

- My relationship with God is secure not because I’m holding on to him.
My relationship with God is secure because he is holding on to me.

John 10:28-29 (NIV)

28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand.

4. “How do I receive this gift and branding?”

- God’s gift of salvation is received by faith.
- Jesus has already paid the cost for us to be reconciled to God.