

6 November 1992, Friday evening Londrina, Brazil

Whoever has the Son has the Life

It is recorded in 1 Jn 5:12 that whoever has the Son has the life. What life? Eternal life. What *things* (verse 13) has he written here? John was writing a letter and in the letter he wrote *things* just so that we may know that *if* we are practicing those things, we can know we have eternal life. It is not a subjective *things*, it is objective. If our life is what it says there, we know we have eternal life; and whoever has the Son has the life that it talks about. So read 1 John sometime and see whether you have eternal life or not. It will encourage you and confirm your faith or it will condemn you and you will know that you do not have the life and do not have the Son.

Our Father draws people to the Son, and whoever is drawn can be saved. Whoever has the Son are the ones our Father draws people to. He does not draw people to the First Baptist Church or to the seminary because the Son is not there. But He only draws people to the Son — to the ones who have the Son, to where the Son lives, to a life that has evidence of having the Son in it. We are a people who have the Son and we have the life. If we have the Son we have the life. If we do not have the Son we do not have the life. He has written these things in order for us to judge whether or not we have the Son and whether or not we have eternal life.

Whoever does have the Son and is God's people, keep the Sabbath as a sign. It proves who are God's people and who are not. God had a covenant written on tablets of stone, the old covenant, and now He has a covenant and He has it written in our heart. And part of that covenant is to keep the Sabbath holy (Dt 4:13; Ex 34:28; 31:17,18; 2 Cor 3:3). It is a day of rest and it is a sign between Him and us that He is the one who is setting us apart as a holy nation. It is an outward sign of His people and He will protect us. Whoever has the Son keeps that sign — keeps the covenant that God made with His people — perpetually.

So here we are — his people: we have the life because we have the Son. We love the way He commanded us to love because we have His love poured out in our heart (Rom 5:5). Whoever is not loving, cannot love because they do not have His love in their heart. But whoever has the Son has the life. John has written these things so that we may know whether we have eternal life. God is love and God is in our heart. We can love because we have God in our heart. Love is the whole message; whoever loves knows God and whoever does not love does not know God. So whoever *has* love *knows* God and *has* eternal life. This is something that some people cannot do even though they try to. They cannot love so they cannot stay in God's house because you must have God in order to love. So after a while, there is no place for them because they did not have the Spirit — they didn't have the power to love with. You have seen how a person's *pretended* love turns to hate after a while. It says that their love turns to hate because it was not the love of God in their heart. But if you have God, *that* love is eternal. We can love with His love because we have it. If we cannot love with His love, it means we may not have Him in our heart (Rom 5:5).

Love is persevering with somebody, never leaving, forsaking, departing, never betraying them. It never even enters into our heart to leave because our heart is love and we have the Son and our Father draws people to His Son. And wherever His Son is, that is where people will be drawn to to be saved. They will be drawn like a magnet. We were magnetized by a magnetic attraction that our Father put in our heart to be drawn to His Son. Our spirit was the kind of spirit that would be drawn to our Father (Jn 6:37,44,65). "No one comes to me unless *drawn*..." and "all the Father *gives* Me will come to Me." We are gifts. Our Father *gave* us to the Son. *He* drew us, in order that we could be reconciled to Him. It was the *Father* who loved us and sent His Son to reconcile us to Him. It was an act of reconciliation.

Let's thank our Father for reconciling us in Yahshua's name. We can thank YAHSHUA for His obedience to His Father's will. His work of reconciling us on the cross is finished. Our Father used YAHSHUA as the Mediator. He provided the magnetic attraction so that we could be reconciled to Him through His Son YAHSHUA. So now we have a secure relationship with the Father and with YAHSHUA. Nothing can break that relationship (1 Cor 6:17; Eph 4:30).