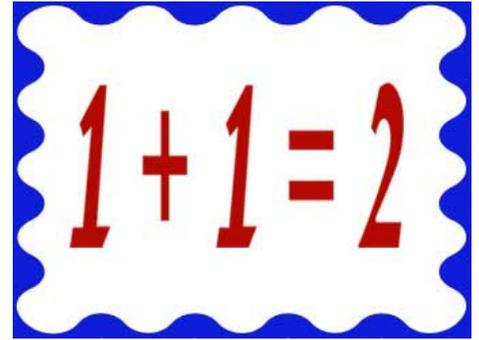


"And this is the Record, that God hath given to us Eternal Life, and this Life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath Life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not Life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have Eternal Life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." 1 John 5:11-13 KJV



There's a difference between knowing, and thinking, hoping, or guessing. I may think I know something because "everybody says so," or because "I hope so," or because "I guess so," but I do know my name and who I am beyond any guessing or hoping. God's Word is one hundred trillion times more sure than each new sunrise. By its written, preserved, record we can KNOW the Truth of Eternal Life better than our own name. Be they prince or pauper, king or slave, old or young, there is a knowledge obtained through faith that surpasses any assurance that mortal assertions can provide. *"Forever, O LORD, Thy Word is settled IN HEAVEN. Thy faithfulness is unto ALL generations: Thou hast established the earth, and it abideth. They continue this day according to Thine ordinances: for all are Thy servants."* God's eternal Word brought existence from black nothingness and will continue after existence has faded away. *"Of old hast Thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of Thy Hands. They shall perish, but Thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt Thou change them, and they shall be changed."* When has the sun ever stopped shining? God's Word will endure past the life of the entire universe, yet you doubt it? *"The fool hath said in his heart, 'There is no God!'"* When the immutable Word of the immutable God asserts and assures, nothing can prevent nor annul it! *"So shall my Word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."* Believers can sleep peacefully each night, and live fearlessly each day knowing with full assurance that no matter the chaos that surrounds them, their life is untouchable by man or demon if they trust and obey God's Word. *"A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked."* If tragedy happens in my life it is ordained by God. *"All things (even evil) work together FOR GOOD to them that love God (the condition), to them who are the called according to His Purpose."* Not even death can threaten my assurance; more than that, it becomes the portal to eternal bliss at my Saviour's side! Death releases the believer from sin's touch for eternity, never to be felt again. I could not wish my parents back to this world from their Savior's side! True believers do not seek death; it holds no terror nor threat for them for to be *"absent from the body [is] to be present with the Lord."* Their body may close its eyes at death, but the believer who dies reaches with eyes wide open for their Saviour's outstretched hand!

Greater is God that dwells within,
Than any threat or curse of men,
Preserving ev'ry precious one,
Until, at death, they're fin'lly Home. ~CGP

There's no "maybe's" where God's Word is concerned. What He says becomes whether it existed before or not. Who He keeps is invincible. What He saves is eternal! Rest easy, dear Pilgrim, *"If God be for us, who can be against us?"* Our *"life is hid in Christ with God,"* and what can threaten the omnipotent Sovereign of Eternity?

"Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the Day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:6 KJV