

Cornerstone March 14th, 2021

LESSON

Right Now Media – Session 15: 1 John 5:13–21

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READ AGAIN

1 John 5:13–21

“And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding. Now we can know God, the One who is true. And our lives are in that true God and in his Son, Jesus Christ. He is the true God, and he is eternal life.” (1 John 5:20, ICB)

1. What does John want us to know for sure? (That we really can have the “forever kind of life” with God.)
2. Why does God sometimes have us wait before He gives us good thing? (So we learn to focus on God, not on the things we want.)
3. What is the only “sin that leads to eternal death”? (Rejecting Jesus. Saying we don’t want Him to save us.)
4. If we’re following Jesus, do we need to worry about this? (Nope! We’ve already been saved to eternal life!)
5. What are the “false gods” in our lives today? (Things like success, money, being popular or beautiful.)
6. What does true teaching mean to you? True living? True loving? What was your favorite thing you learned from 1 John? And finally, would you like to have the “forever kind of life” with God, starting right now?

SO WHAT?

For toddlers: Sing “Jesus Loves Me” with your child. Ask him or her if Jesus loves him or her. Tell your child, yes, Jesus does.

For grade schoolers: Ask your child if he or she wants the “forever kind of life” that John talked about. Help your child to talk to God, ask for forgiveness, and trust Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection to save.

Activity:

Today is a great day to invite your child into making a decision to follow Jesus.

If your child already has made the decision then instead discuss with them how they feel about being a follower of Jesus.

- Is it hard to follow Jesus?
- Where do they struggle? (Loving others, loving God?). Be willing to share with your kids where you struggle.
- Come up with a plan on how you can all grow as disciples of Jesus.

I suggest setting aside a day a year to celebrate your spiritual birthday? If you don't know what day that was, then choose a day on your calendar. Maybe even today.

Get a cake or special dessert and at supper time celebrate all of your spiritual birthdays.

Spend a little time affirming your child where you see Jesus in them – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, selfcontrol, The fruit of the Spirit is evidence that Jesus lives in all of us.

Mark this date on your calendar and celebrate again next year.

Blessings – I am praying for you all.