

How do you know you had believed or were once saved

You love one another etc.
and finally you still believe now in the present tense

Problem:

video - what do you live for?

Paul sounds so certain - Gal 2:20 -this is normative confidence due to present tense belief

2 Pet 1:2-12 -you must know you have eternal life to live eternal life (problem)
without assurance i cannot live out eternal life

living out eternal life (joy) is related to assurance - 1 Jn 1:1-4 - they were going to need assurance to do it

Main Idea:

you must know you have eternal life to live out eternal life (problem)
God has testified concerning His Son
Whoever believes His testimony
Can know they have eternal life (implication)
and begin to live it (application)

Implication:

we were meant to be confident - Heb 4:14-16; 10:19-25

we are supposed to know we have eternal life - Eph 1:1-2:10; 3:7-12
we are like beggars with a million dollars in our pockets begging for bread

Application:

1 Thess 5:16-18

Text

God has testified concerning His Son

1John 5:6 ¶ This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And **the Spirit is the one who testifies**, because the Spirit is the truth.

1John 5:7 For **there are three that testify**:

1John 5:8 **the Spirit and the water and the blood**; and these three agree.

1John 5:9 If we receive the testimony of men, **the testimony of God** is greater, for **this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son.**

(9) The testimony of God concerning His Son - Jn 1:14. 18

(8) spirit, water, blood

spirit is the truth (6)-who will you listen to -God or man? Jn 5:36-47; 20:30-31

water - incarnation

physical birth- Jn 3:1-8 (water = flesh) 1 Jn 4:2;

baptism - identify with mankind - Luke 3:21-4:2

(1 Cor 15:45-49 - second adam)

*blood - cross - 1 Jn 1:7 (1 jn 5:6 -not water only)
physical death - water/blood - Jn 19:33-37; Heb 9:11-15*

Whoever believes His testimony

1John 5:10 **Whoever believes** in the Son of God has **the testimony in himself**. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar (perfect), because he has not believed in **the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son**.

1John 5:11 And **this is the testimony**, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

1John 5:12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

(10) testimony in himself - inner witness - Rom 8:16;

(11) is from God - 1 Jn 2:25-27; 4:13-15; 5:4-5, 20

(12) = eternal life - Jn 1:9-13; 10:27-29

Can know they have eternal life

1John 5:13 ¶ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God **that you may know** (perfect) that you have eternal life.

Know once and for all - Phil 1:6; 2 Tim 1:12; Heb 12:1-2

confident in eternal life - Heb 4:14-16; 10:19-25

we are supposed to know - Eph 1:1-2:10; 3:7-12

the key to 1 Thess 5:16-18 is assurance

we must know we have eternal life to begin to live eternal life

articles for further study:

<http://www.deliveredbygrace.com/the-present-tense-of-salvation/>

<http://www.barabbas.com/assurance/>