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MORNING MESSAGE

“One Clear Verse”

1 John 5:12

- I. IT IS A SIMPLE VERSE
  - A. This is one of the easiest verses in the Bible to read and understand
    1. It contains no words that are hard to pronounce
    2. It contains no doctrines that are hard to understand
  - B. Do not dismiss this verse because it is simple
    1. Genesis 1:1 is a simple verse, “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth”
      - a. Yet, that verse slams the door on all theories of creation
    2. John 3:16 is a simple verse, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life”
      - a. Yet, that verse answers the questions of atheism, fatalism, nationalism, materialism, Mohammedanism, 5 Point Calvinism, pluralism, and Arminianism
    3. 1 John 5:12 is a simple verse, “He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life”
      - a. Yet, that verse underlines the exclusive claims of the gospel
- II. IT IS A SAVING VERSE
  - A. This verse speaks of the Son
    1. “Son” speaks of Jesus, God’s Son
      - a. Matthew 3:17, “And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son”
      - b. John 1:49, “Nathanael answered and said unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel”
      - c. Mathew 27:54, “Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, truly this was the Son of God”
  - B. This verse speaks of life
    1. “Life” speaks of eternal life
      - a. Eternal life is an abundant life; John 10:10, “I came that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly”
      - b. Eternal life is an unending life; John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life”
  - C. The key to having eternal life is to have the Son
    1. “Hath” means to possess
    2. Eternal life is found in the Son
      - a. John 1:4, “In him was life, and the life was the light of men”
      - b. John 11:25, “I am the resurrection, and the life”
      - c. John 14:6, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me”

### III. IT IS A SOLEMN VERSE

- A. If you do not have the Son, you do not have life; you have death
  - 1. You are spiritually dead
    - a. Genesis 2:16-17, "Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die"
    - b. Ephesians 2:1, "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins"
  - 2. You will be physically dead
    - a. Hebrews 9:27, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement"
  - 3. You will be eternally dead
    - a. Revelation 21:14-15, "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire"

### CONCLUSION

- A. God made the way of salvation clear
  - 1. You must realize that you are a sinner
    - a. Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God"
  - 2. You must recognize that Jesus is God's Son
    - a. John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life"
  - 3. You must repent of your sin
    - a. Luke 13:3,5, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish"
  - 4. You must receive Jesus as your Savior
    - a. John 1:12, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name"