




Answers from 1 John

The Purpose of 1 John

1 John 5:13 “I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.”



#1: Do I “have”
Jesus?

#2: Do I walk
(imperfectly) in
love?

Test #1: Do I “have” Jesus?

- 1 John 5:11-12 -> We were given the gift of the Son.
- 1 John 4:10 -> Why? His love towards us.
- 1 John 4:15 -> If we simply confess Him, we have Him.

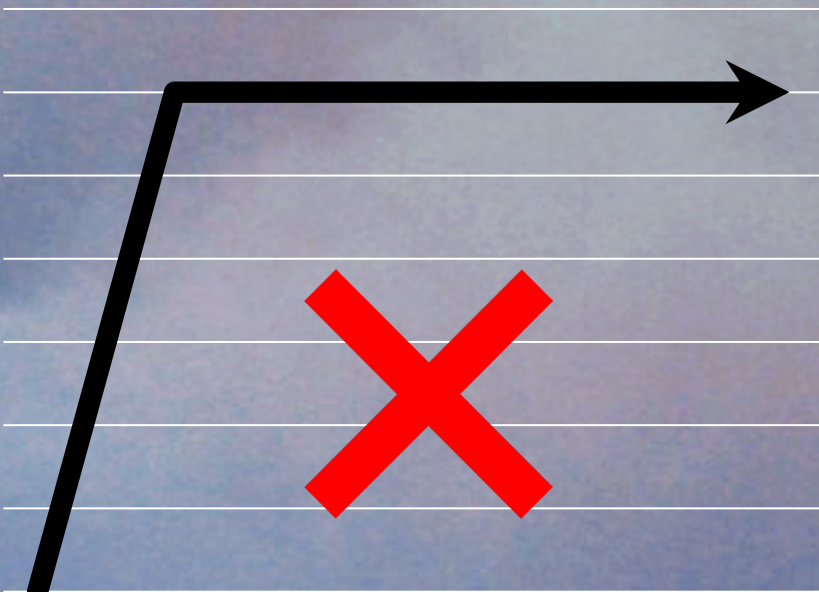
Test #2: Do I walk in love?

- Loving God -> Keeping His Commandments
 - 1 John 1:5-6
 - 1 John 5:3
- Loving God -> Loving the Brethren
 - 1 John 4:19-21
 - 1 John 3:16-18

Test #2: Does my walk show I love God and the brethren?

Does God expect perfection?

- 1 John 1:7 - 2:1
 - God wants direction, not perfection (vs 7)
 - God wants confession, not self-deception (we “have sin”, vs 8-10)
 - God is our Father; we are His children (2:1)
 - Jesus is our advocate (2:1)





Yes, but what if my heart still
condemns me?

- 1 John 3:19-20 -> God's view > My View
- 1 John 4:17-18 -> If we still fear, we need to understand His love more!

Do you know you have eternal life?

Test #1: Do I “have” Jesus?

Test #2: Does my walk show regular
(though imperfect) love for
God/others?