

1st John # 84

“This Life is in His Son” *1st John 5:10-13*

“The tragedy of life is not that it ends so soon but that we wait so long to begin it.”

Richard L. Evans

The Word of God stabilizes our emotions in times of extreme pressure, so that we can learn to relax and trust in God alone and it's a growth process that takes time.

We rest in the fact that our God solved the greatest problem we could ever face; sin which led to our spiritual death.

He solved that issue by sending His beloved Son in whom He was well pleased to die on the cross being judged for our sins and knowing that causes us to realize that He is able to solve any other, little in comparison, problems that we have.

When we worry, we put our eyes on money or other details of life as the source of real security and then we start worrying about them.

And if we keep thinking about it over and over in our mind, becoming afraid we might lose our false sense of security and how we can keep it or what's threatening it, it overwhelms us.

This is why worry is a sin because it's a demonstration of our desire to control what only God can control.

This testimony in the believer combines the function of 3 witnesses to change common grace to efficacious or effective grace.

Each witness has something to say; the water of baptism signifies the beginning of our Lord's ministry or His saving work as presented by God the Holy Spirit in the Gospel story of common grace at God-consciousness and positive response at Gospel-hearing where common grace becomes efficacious grace.

The blood talks about the work of Jesus Christ on the cross; His substitutionary spiritual death in redemption, reconciliation and propitiation and God the Holy Spirit makes it all very real.

Those who reject Jesus Christ as Savior produce the action of the verb and all unbelievers of the human race have rejected the testimony of God offered through the three witnesses.

But those who have accepted it, have the fourth witness in them; the biblical truth they've learned about salvation.

God has given everyone, every opportunity to be saved, so there's no such thing as someone arriving in eternity with an excuse.

We have a divine affidavit; God's sworn statement in writing concerning the confirmation of the Incarnation and the cross, which is the basis of our eternal and temporal security as it's what gives meaning and purpose to our lives.

If God gave us eternal life at the point of salvation, He's going to take care of us during the interim before we reach eternity as He's deliberately keeping us alive on earth for a purpose related to His own perfect plan.

Therefore we have the groundwork, for our security in time based on God's testimony of what we received at the point of our eternal salvation.

The moment we believed in Jesus Christ, we entered the only security package that life has to offer.

Instead of personal love for God, the motivating virtue is now going to be confidence in God, so once we start with eternal security, we have confidence in God and that functional virtue then becomes our temporal security which gives us courage toward man and circumstances.

For the believer who lives in Satan's cosmic world system, there is eternal security but there is no temporal security at all.

There is only true security in spiritual freedom; there is no security apart from freedom.

They already have eternal life but they needed to continue to believe in the name of the Son of God in knowing that they have eternal life because the false teachers were saying that Jesus isn't really the Son of God come in the flesh.

And assurance of salvation doesn't come from evidence in someone's life but from the promise of God in the Scriptures.