

#5 Having, Knowing, and Keeping Jesus

1 John 5:11-13, 18-21

Having Jesus

Whoever has **THE SON** has eternal life. v.12 Who has the Son? Those who:

- have believed in Jesus Christ unto salvation
- have **MEANINGFULLY TURNED** from sin and to God
- **Grow** in godliness and **battle** for holiness (normative)

AKA: The Fruit of the Spirit really does grow, with time.

Knowing Jesus

- ... that you may know that you have **ETERNAL LIFE**. v.13
- ... that we may know the *Father* and the *Son*. v.20

God has given us spiritual understanding through the $\frac{\text{HOLY SPIRIT}}{\text{John 14:15-17, 26-27}}$.

Keeping Jesus

Jesus **PROTECTS US** from continuing in our sin. v.18

We don't really keep Jesus. Jesus keeps us!

(Romans 8:28-39, 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24, 1 Peter 1:4-6a, Jude 1:1-2, 24-25)

On the other hand: "Little children, KEEP YOURSELVES from idols." v.21