## Saved and Assured Selected Scriptures

The Son of God came to earth in order to give eternal life to everyone who believe in Him (Jn. 6:38-40; 10:10-11). Anyone who proclaims a different message than the gospel is looking to benefit themselves at the expense of others (Jn. 10:8, 10a). Jesus is the true, faithful, and good shepherd who has laid down His life for the sheep (Jn 10:11, 15, 17).

The central affirmation of the gospel is Jesus Christ is the Lord, God the Son (Jn 20:28). Jesus came to give eternal life to everyone who believes in Him (Jn. 10: 28; 17:2). The disciples saw Him and believed in Him (Jn. 20:29a), but Jesus prayed for each of us who would believe in Him without having seen Him (Jn. 20:29b; cf. Jn. 17:20-21). The Bible was written so that everyone who did not live to witness the life of Christ might have a living witness of the work of Christ (Jn. 20:31; cf. Heb. 4:12; 2 Tim. 3:16-17).

The fundamental truth of the gospel is that anyone who believes in Jesus has been born again (1 Jn. 5:1a; cf. Jn. 1:13) and now possess everlasting life (Jn. 3:16; 20:31). Everyone who has been born again begins to love everything that God loves (cf. Gal 5:17; 1 Jn. 3:23). Our love for God is shown as we live in obedience to His commands (1 Jn. 5:2-3). It is the internal witness of the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom. 8:14) along with the external conformity of our lives that testify the truth: that the one who professes Christ possesses eternal life (1 Jn. 5:4-5).