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11 - And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

12 - He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

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John 3:14 - And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

John 3:15 - that whoever believes in Him should not perish but [fn] have eternal life.

John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

# 1. Salvation: Starts by Believing on Christ

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John 3:17 - For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

John 3:18 - "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

# 1. Salvation: Starts by Believing on Christ

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1 John 5:1 - Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him.

1 John 5:10 - He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, **because he has not believed** the testimony that God has given of His Son.



## 2. Salvation: Results in a Relationship with Christ

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1 John 5:11 - And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

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### 3. Salvation: Demonstrated through Obedience to Christ

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1 John 5:2 - By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments.

1 John 5:3 - For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

### 3. Salvation: Demonstrated through Obedience to Christ

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1 John 2:3 - Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.

1 John 2:4 - He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

1 John 2:5 - But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.

1 John 2:6 - He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

## 3. Salvation: Demonstrated through Obedience to Christ

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1 John 3:3 - And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

1 John 3:10 - In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.

1 John 3:24 - Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

### 3. Salvation: Demonstrated through Obedience to Christ

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John 10:27 - My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and **they follow Me**.

Revelation 22:17 - And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.



# The Hidden Line (The Destiny of Men)

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**by Joseph Addison Alexander (1809-1860)**



## The Hidden Line

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**There is a time, we know not when,  
A point we know not where,  
That marks the destiny of men  
To glory or despair.**

**There is a line by us unseen,  
That crosses every path;  
The hidden boundary between  
God's patience and his wrath.**

## The Hidden Line

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To pass that limit is to die—  
To die as if by stealth;  
It does not quench the beaming eye  
Or pale the glow of health.

The conscience may be still at ease,  
The spirit lithe and gay;  
That which pleases still may please,  
And care be thrust away



## The Hidden Line

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**But on that forehead God has set,  
Indelibly a mark  
Unseen by men, for men as yet  
Are blind and in the dark**

**And yet doomed man's path below  
May bloom as Eden bloomed;  
He did not, does not, will not know,  
Or feel that he is doomed**

## The Hidden Line

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He knows, he feels that all is well,  
And every fear is calmed;  
He lives, he dies, he wakes in hell,  
Not only doomed, but damned.

Oh, where is this mysterious bourn  
By which our path is crossed;  
Beyond which God himself hath sworn,  
That he who goes is lost.

## The Hidden Line

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**How far may we go on in sin?  
How long will God forbear?  
Where does hope end, and where begin  
The confines of despair?**

**An answer from the skies is sent,  
"Ye that from God depart,  
While it is called today, repent,  
And harden not your heart."**