

ETERNAL LIFE

Are you sure and know without a doubt that you have eternal life and that you will go to heaven when you die?

YOU CAN KNOW AND BE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE TODAY BY ACCEPTING THE PERFECT PLAN WHICH GOD HAS FOR YOUR LIFE.

"For God so loved the world (you & me), that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

1. LET US CONSIDER THE PURPOSE AND THE WILL OF GOD FOR OUR LIVES.

At the beginning of the world, God created the first man and woman in order to have a family relationship with them, as a father with his own children. So we see that God loves us and that He has a specific purpose for each person who comes into this world. God wants to have this relationship with us every day, so that each person can have the joy of an abundant life, and at the same time be able to have the assurance of an everlasting life with Him (I John 5:13).

Our Lord Jesus Christ spoke much about the reasons why He came to this world: *"The thief (the devil) comes not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life (eternal life) and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).* Afterwards He also spoke on why He had to leave again: *"Let not your heart be troubled: you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am; there you may be also."* Jesus then told them: *"I am the way, the truth, and the life: and no man comes unto the Father, but by Me" (John 14:1-6).*

The hope of eternal life gives perfect meaning to our lives and always brings us to fulfill the purpose of God.

2. LET US CONSIDER THE CONSEQUENCES AND THE PUNISHMENT OF SIN IN OUR LIVES.

In the beginning of the creation, the first man and woman sinned and disobeyed God, and the consequences of that sin have fallen upon all humanity. We have to understand our problem: God is perfect, and in heaven there is no sin, but sin has separated us from the purpose that God has in order to give us eternal life. The Bible tells us: As it is written:

"There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understands, there is none that seeks after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that does good, no, not one" (Romans 3:10-12).

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

"For the wages of sin is death..." (Romans 3:23 & 6:23).

When the Bible says that the payment for sin is death, this means eternal separation from God in everlasting fire.

For the Bible also tells us: *"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment..." (Hebrews 9:27).*

"Then shall He (Jesus Christ) say also unto them on the left hand: Depart from me, you cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels..." (Matthew 25:41).

God is love, but He is also Holy and Just. Every action has its recompense, for that reason God has to condemn sin, but at the same time He has provided only one way to obtain forgiveness for our sins. All true believers will one day sing: *"the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty, just and true are Your ways, King of saints. Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You only are holy: for all nations shall come and worship before You, for Your judgments are made manifest" (Revelation 15:3-4).*

We know that we cannot save ourselves, for we do not have the power over death, nor can we pay for our sins. Salvation cannot be bought, nor can we earn it by our own good deeds.

"For by grace are you saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man (any person) should boast..." (Ephesians 2:9).

3. LET US CONSIDER THE ONLY WAY GOD HAS PROVIDED TO BE WITH HIM ETERNALLY, AND EXPERIENCE HIS ABUNDANT JOY IN OUR LIVES.

In the beginning of the world Jesus Christ (the Word of God) was with God, for He Himself is God. For this reason Jesus Christ said: *"I and my Father are one"* (John 1:1 & 10:30).

"I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father" (John 16:28).

God Himself has provided the one and only way to be with Him for all eternity, "the way" is our Lord Jesus Christ (God became a man – John 1:14), and He made the bridge for us, in order to reconcile us to God eternally by His own body on the cross: *"For Christ also has once suffered for sins, the Just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit..."* (I Peter 3:18).

"Therefore as by the offense of one (the disobedience of Adam and Eve) judgment came upon all men (mankind) to condemnation, even so by the righteousness of one (the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross) the free gift came to all men (mankind) unto justification of life (eternal life)." "But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe..." "Therefore we conclude that a man (each person) is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." (Romans 5:18, 3:21–22 & 3:28).

The Bible explains without a doubt that the death of Jesus Christ on the cross was counted as the perfect and complete sacrifice for each person who believes in Him, in order that God could give us the promises of eternal life. *"But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on Him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead. Who was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification"* (Romans 4:24–25).

All the Scriptures demonstrate Jesus Christ as the only way for the forgiveness of sin, in order to receive eternal life, and to establish an intimate relationship of joy and peace with our God Almighty (Ephesians 3:1–12).

4. LET US CONSIDER THE RESPONSIBILITY THAT GOD REQUIRES OF OUR LIVES.

At the beginning of each period of time or dispensation, God has called His servants (prophets & apostles) in order to show the people of God all that He requires to fulfill His perfect will. The Bible teaches us how to receive the great promises of God here on earth in order to be received into heaven for eternity. This administration (dispensation) of "The grace of God" began with the first coming, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, but it will end on the day that all the believers will be gathered together with Him in the air – (I Thessalonians 4:13–18).

At the beginning of this age of grace the apostles and prophets of God began to speak and write about this great mercy that would be made manifest to the whole human race by our Lord Jesus Christ. *"For He received from God the Father honor and glory, when there came such a voice to Him from the excellent glory: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*

And this voice, which came from heaven, we heard, when we were with Him in the holy mount. We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto you do well that you take heed, as unto a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (II Peter 1:16–21).

Our only responsibility after seeing and reading so many infallible proofs is the step to receive and to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as the only Savior to receive the promises of eternal life. *"But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them who believe on His name..."* (John 1:12). Jesus will then say: *"Well done, good and faithful servant, you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things: enter into the joy of your Lord"* (Matthew 25:21).

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