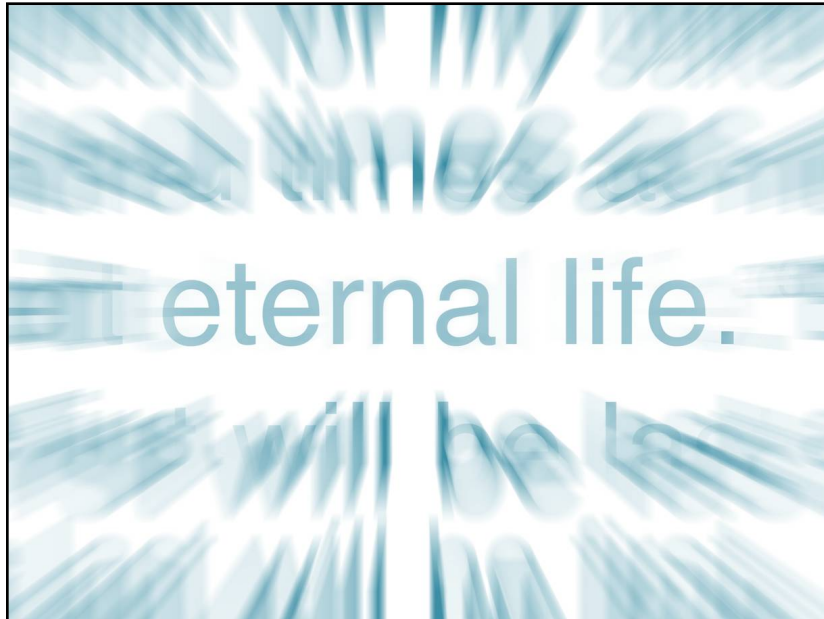


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## Eternal Life: Our Inheritance in Christ Jesus



What is eternal life? Eternal life is to know God, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one He sent to earth (Jn 17:3).

God is eternal (Gen 21:33), and, God being eternal, the things of God are eternal. God is the only true God, and He is eternal life (1 Jn 5:20b). "From eternity to eternity I am God." (Isa 43:13a). He is the eternal King, the unseen one who never dies; He alone is God (1 Tim 1:17b). His Kingdom is eternal (Dan 4:34b); His glory is eternal (1 Pet 5:10); His only begotten Son Jesus Christ is eternal (1 Tim 1:16b; 1 Jn 1:1-5); His Spirit is eternal (Hebr 9:14), and yes, man, when he becomes the adopted child of the eternal God, receives the promise of eternal life (Rom 8:15). On the other hand, man without God has no promise nor formula for eternal life. Man that is born of a woman is of a few days and full of trouble (Job 14:1 | KJV). For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom 6:23).

How does one inherit eternal life? Receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

For this is how God loved the world, He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes Him will not perish but have eternal life. (Jn 3:16) | And anyone who believes in God's Son has eternal life.

Anyone who doesn't obey the Son will never experience eternal life. (Jn 3:36) | The Spirit alone gives eternal life (1 Jn 6:63a). This Spirit comes to dwell in our hearts when we believe in and receive Christ Jesus as our Lord and Savior. That is, when we are born again, not with a physical birth that comes from human passion but with a spiritual birth that comes from God (Jn 1:12-13), we are then given the right to become children of God (Jn 1:12).

Walk in obedience to the Lord: Love the Lord God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind.

One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking Him this question. "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said, "What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?" The man answered, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.' And 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" "Right!" Jesus told him. "Do this and you will live." (Lk 10: 25-29). In the parable of the Good Samaritan that follows, Jesus explains that our neighbor is anyone in need. Being a neighbor to someone is therefore meeting them at their point of need while showing them compassion and mercy.

Care for others.

"But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit upon His glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered in His presence, and He will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep at His right hand and the goats at His left. Then the King will say to those on His right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me to your home. I was naked and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me." ... "I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me." (Matt 25:31-40)

Do the things that lead to holiness and result in eternal life.

"Be ye holy; for I am holy". (1 Pet 1:16). "Now you do those things that lead to holiness and result in eternal life (Rom 6:22b). Doing the things that lead to holiness results in eternal life. As adopted children of God, we are enabled to do the things that lead to holiness by the Holy Spirit who lives in us. The Holy Spirit is called the Holy Spirit because He is holy, and because He makes things holy. The Holy Father has made provision for His children to be holy by placing the Holy Spirit in their hearts, permissibly. They are then holy as they follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.

What does God's Word say about natural human bodies versus the eternal bodies of His adopted children?

He sent His own Son in a body like the body sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving His Son as a sacrifice for our sins. (Rom 8:3) | What I am saying, dear brothers and sisters, is that our physical bodies cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. These dying bodies cannot inherit what will last forever. (1 Cor 15:50) | There are also bodies in the heavens and bodies on the earth. The glory of the heavenly bodies is different from the glory of the earthly bodies. (1 Cor 15:40) |

Our bodies are buried in brokenness, but they will be raised in glory. They are buried in weakness but they will be raised in strength. They are buried as natural human bodies, but they will be raised as spiritual bodies. For just as there are natural bodies, there are also spiritual bodies. (1 Cor 5:43-44) | When our dying bodies have been transformed to bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled: "Death is swallowed up in victory." (1 Cor 15:54) | While we live in these earthly bodies, we groan and sigh, but it's not that we want to die and get rid of these bodies that clothe us. Rather, we want to put on our new bodies so that these dying bodies will be swallowed up by life. (2 Cor 5:4) | We wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as His adopted children, including the new bodies He has promised us. (Rom 8:23b)