

How can you know you have Eternal life?

All Scripture is KJV: 1 John 5

INTRODUCTION: WHAT DOES THE BIBLE HAVE TO SAY

Today I want to preach about “eternal life”. – “with the Lord”

- I want you to know that there many people out there who do have eternal life?
- But there are those that have eternal death in Hell?
- And many people are not even seeking to know about that eternal death?
- Many people “the world” are on their way to “Hell” and don’t even realize it.
- The bible speaks about the unbelievers destiny in many places.
- The bible also says that the unbelievers, which is calls the “dead” will stand before God, and will be judged. In Revelation 20:12

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And **I saw the dead**, small and great, **stand before God**; and **the books were opened**: and **another book was opened, which is the book of life**: and **the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.**

So what does the Word of God say.....it says the dead will stand before God and will be judged. They won't be living.

But what does the “Word of God say”?

- Is there some sort of security in having eternal life with Jesus?
1. What do you think eternal life is?
 2. And how do you get it?
 3. And how do you maintain it?

✚ Well lets read the scriptures.....

1 John 5 King James Version (KJV)

1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat (father) loveth him also that is begotten of him (Son).

- a) So according to the scripture who is born of God. Meaning who has God allowed to be reborn. Nicodemus in John 3 asked this same question to Jesus. This is where the phrase “born again” comes from.
- b) Well.....the scriptures says that whosoever believes that Jesus is the Christ (meaning who believes that he is the Messiah is born of God, just as in John 4: 25).

John 4:25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called **Christ**: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

John 4:42

And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the **Christ**, the Saviour of the world.

- c) Before the cross no man had ascended into heaven. It was only after the resurrection of Jesus (Ephesians 4:8-10, Psalm 68:18) that he led captivity captive to heaven.
- d) We see this explained to Nicodemus in John 3:1-18. A man had to be born again of the Spirit to have eternal life. (John 3:1-18).

Read.....

John 3 King James Version (KJV)

1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?

10 Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?

11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.

¹² If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?

¹³ **And no man hath ascended up to heaven**, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

✚ It was only after the resurrection that Jesus collected all the waiting saints of the OT.

¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

¹⁵ **That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.** *(John 12)*

¹⁶ **For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

¹⁷ For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

¹⁸ **He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.**

✚ Back to our text this morning of 1 John 5:2.....verse 2.

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² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

⁴ For whatsoever is **born of God overcometh the world:** and this is **the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.**

⁵ **Who is he that overcometh the world,** but **he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?**

⁶ **This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood.** And **it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.** *(John 3)*

⁷ **For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.**

⁸ **And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.** *(the Holy Spirit bearing witness with those that believe)*

⁹ **If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.**

¹⁰ **He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.**

¹¹ **And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.**

¹² **He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.**

 You either alive or dead...

¹³ **These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye **have** eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.**

1. This verse alone can destroy any false doctrine that is out there.
2. This verse explains and confirms how you can know that you “**have**” not “**had**” eternal life.
3. Many people distort the grace and the gift of God, that Jesus has given to those that believe.
4. This verse explains that all you have to do to “have” eternal life is to believe on the name of the Son of God. And it repeats that twice in the same verse. That’s how important it is.
5. Salvation is not a requirement of restraining yourself from Sinning.
6. Salvation is not something that you have to keep asking God for?
7. Salvation is not by “any righteous works” which you can do. (Titus 3:5).

Titus 3:5-8 King James Version (KJV)

⁵ **Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;**

⁶ **Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;**

7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

- But it does not mean that because we have salvation and eternal life that we should stop producing good works. Because good works are profitable unto men.
- Our good works and our good deeds are a testimony to what Jesus has done in us, so that others can see that. It's not conditional to maintain eternal life.

Now.....

- ✚ As we continue in 1 John 5:14.....the rest of this chapter deals with those that have believed.

14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

16 If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.

17 All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.

18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

- ✚ This verse is talking about the spirit being born again. Not the flesh. You don't get a new body at salvation. You get a "New Spirit".
- ✚ Your Spirit is born again not the body. The redemption of the body comes at the resurrection or rapture.
- ✚ So verse 18 is talking about your Spirit is a new Spirit and cant sin. But you body will sin. And even when you sin in the body the blood of Jesus has already covered that sin.
- ✚ But by confessing your sin to Jesus when you do sin, he will forgive you.

19 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

²⁰ And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

²¹ Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

- ✚ Idols are other gods.
- ✚ It shows unbelief.
- ✚ A believer does not have any idols.
- ✚ A believer turns to God – Jesus for salvation.

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