

# ETERNAL LIFE



God's original intention was that man should never die but live forever. However, as a result of sin, death was introduced into the human race. But God sent Jesus Christ His first begotten Son into the world to restore life back to man. Now man can once again live forever (Romans 6:23)!

There is more to life than just breathing. Jesus declares in John 10:10 *“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”* He was talking about another kind of life that changes a man's nature from that of sin to that of righteousness. He meant a higher quality of life than the physical human life which is temporal and corrupted by sin through Adam. The sin of Adam introduced the whole human race into a nature of sin and death. Every human being is born into this world a sinner by default whether they actually do something wrong or not. This is why the Word of God shows us that all have sinned and the penalty of sin is death, meaning that we all deserve to die because of sin (Romans 3:23; 6:23). But God sent Jesus Christ, His Son, into the world to die for man as man's remedy forever. So when anyone becomes born again he receives this eternal life – the God kind of life. He becomes a new creation and even when he dies he is going to live with God for eternity. Death, then, becomes a mere transposition.

1John 5:9-13 is so instructive and vital. It says: *“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. 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. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and He that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 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.”* This portion of Scripture is a witness to anyone who still goes to hell having heard the Gospel. It is very evident that it's about Jesus Christ. If you reject Jesus Christ you reject life eternally! Jesus says in John 14:6: *“I am...the life.”*

When a man receives this eternal life, he has received the greatest miracle of all. Eternal life is the only gift that changes a man's nature to the divine nature. In the actual sense everyone will live eternally, it is either eternally with God or eternally with the devil and his crew in the lake of fire which is called eternal damnation. But God offers you this eternal life today through His Son, Jesus Christ. All you need to do is to receive it. Will you receive it? Anyone who believes in Jesus has eternal life, whether old or young, great or small, rich or poor, no matter what you've done or your experiences in life (John 3:15).

God is not willing that any man should perish but that all should come to repentance. Friend, what you need is not a change of character, idea or culture; as a matter of fact you don't have to stop sinning to qualify for this life. No! What you need is a rebirth – a new life. You can't stop sinning by your own human ability because the human ability is limited to the sense realm, but sin is a spiritual thing that needs a spiritual approach. Just come as you are to God, He loves you so much and He's waiting for you to make that life-changing decision today. He wants to change that sin nature that is in you which brings death for His righteous nature which produces eternal life (Rom. 6:23, II Cor. 5:21) and you would begin to live the God-kind of life from this very moment till you meet with Him face to face. When you become born again, the law of life starts working in you, which liberates you from sin and spiritual death (Rom. 8:1,2).

Jesus says *“Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death to life.”* John 5:24. Therefore, if you have not received this eternal life, it can be yours right away! Just pray this simple but all-important prayer sincerely from your heart:

**Dear God, thank you for giving your Son Jesus Christ to die for my sins, making it possible for me to possess eternal life instead of eternal death. I confess Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour and I believe in my heart that you raised Him from the dead for my justification. In accordance with your Word, I declare that I am saved, I am born again, I now have eternal life. I ask that you also fill me with your Holy Spirit and help me connect with your eternal purpose for my life. Thank you Father, in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

Congratulations! Welcome to God's family. You are now born again. It is important that you get a copy of the Bible, read it and pray everyday to your Heavenly Father and attend a Bible-based Church. You can also get in touch with us, we'd be glad to help you with materials to encourage your faith in Christ.

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