

ETERNAL

LIFE

I JOHN

5:11-13

What is the greatest blessing God has blessed us with?

Prayer

Forgiveness

His Gospel

Fellowship with like believers (the church).

The greatest blessing from God we have not yet received.

What is it?

Eternal Life

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Tonight, lets talk about this great blessing that we will someday receive from God, if we are faithful to Him.

What Is Eternal Life?

It is an inheritance.

I Peter 1:3-4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you.

It is a kingdom.

Matthew 7:21

Not everyone who says to Me, “Lord, Lord” shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 25:34

Then the King will say to those on His right hand,
“Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”

It is a “crown of life” or “a crown of righteousness.”

Revelation 2:10

Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

II Timothy 4:7-8

I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

It is an “eternal weight of glory.”

II Corinthians 4:17-18

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at things which are seen, but things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Romans 8:18

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed to us.

Eternal Life Is A Gift From God.

It was promised by God.

Titus 1:2

In hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began.

Romans 6:22-23

But now you have been set free from sin, and have become slaves of God, the return you get is satisfaction and its end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This morning, we noticed that we are saved by grace.

Ephesians 2:4-9

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

All life proceeds from God.

Job 12:10

In whose hand is the life of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind.

Acts 17:26-28

And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in hope that they might grope after Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, "For we are also His offspring.

We receive this “free gift” by obedience.

Hebrews 5:8-9

Though He were a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered, and being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.

Revelation 22:14

Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.

God Gives Us Eternal Life Through Christ.

God gave Christ the power.

John 5:26

For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself.

Christ came into this world to bring life.

John 10:10

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Eternal life is based on our faith in the gospel of Christ (the word).

Eternal life is revealed to us in the gospel.

II Timothy 1:9-10

Who has saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

What is the gospel?

I Corinthians 15:1-4

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again on the third day according to the scriptures.

It is only by God's great love and mercy that He promised eternal life to everyone who has faith in the gospel and obeys it.

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.

Hebrews 5:9

And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them who obey Him.

Let's go back to lesson text.

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Eternal life is found only in Christ.

Those outside of Christ do not have the promise of eternal life.

So tonight, are you in Christ?

The Bible only talks of one way of getting into Christ.

Romans 6:3

Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

Are you still in Christ?

Peter, Paul, and the writer of Hebrews all talk about people falling away (not staying in Christ).

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