



Introduction

You can know for certain that you will spend eternity with God! The Bible makes it absolutely clear:

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

1 John 5:13

This study is designed to arm you with scripture that will help you establish a confidence concerning your eternal destiny.

The Provision of Eternal Life

Consider the amazing provision God has made on our behalf

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

- Circle the reason behind God's action
- Frame the action that God took
- Circle the one who benefits from the action God took
- Underline the action a person needs to take
- Frame the result which one can expect

Eternal life is offered to anyone who chooses to believe in Jesus Christ.

Eternal life is life that does not end. Even death has no effect on those possessing eternal life. Though the body may cease functioning, the inner person, the soul, lives on forever.

The Gift of Eternal Life

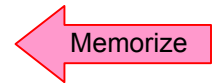
Evaluate the following verses to determine the cost of eternal life.

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

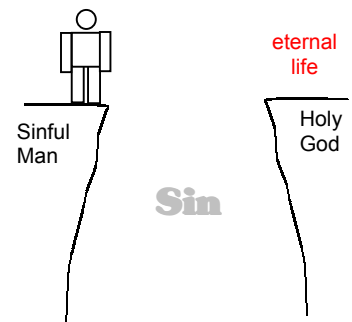
Romans 6:23

- Circle the result (or wages) of sinful living
- Underline how eternal life is obtained
- Frame the one in whom eternal life is found

The characteristic thing about any gift is that it is given free of charge. The giver offers the gift; the one to whom the gift is given has only to receive it.



Romans 5:8 sheds more light on God's amazing provision:
 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
 Romans 5:8
 Not only did God love us. He loved us while we were sinners.



Sin brings about (eternal) death and leaves us separated from God

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

- The person who is “saved” is rescued from the punishment of separation from God. To have eternal life is to be saved.
- In verse 8, frame the action through which one is saved.
- Circle the word describing how eternal life is provided.
- In verse 9, underline the reason why God does not allow a person to earn their eternal life by doing works.

Many people believe that eternal life is something they can earn by being good, or by going to church. Actually, It is a gift that God gives to those who believe in His Son.

The Key to Receiving Eternal Life

Jesus made clear the actions one must take to receive eternal life.

*"I tell you the truth,
 whoever hears my word and
 believes him who sent me
 has eternal life and
 will not be condemned;
 he has crossed over from death to life.*

John 5:24

- Frame the two things a person must do before they can have eternal life
- Underline the future event that will not happen to one who has eternal life

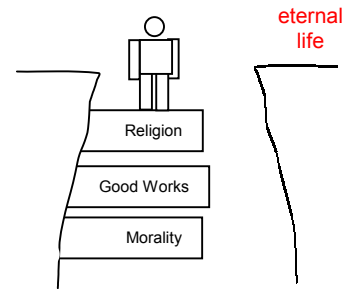
Hearing and believing are the key activities required to receive eternal life. You can “hear” either through someone speaking to you, or by reading the words that someone has said. Believing is trusting the one who promises.

The same truths are communicated in the unique invitation Jesus gave in the Book of Revelation.

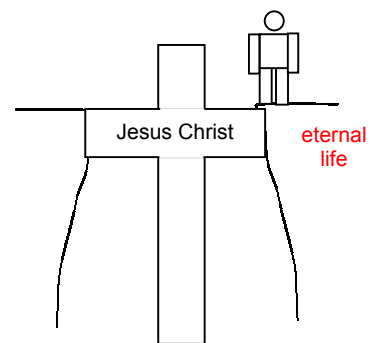
*Here I am! I stand at the door and knock.
 If anyone hears my voice and
 opens the door,
 I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.*

Revelation 3:20

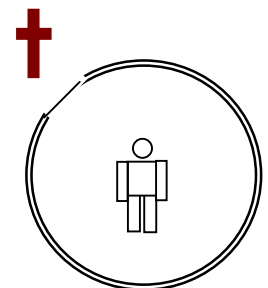
- Frame the two things a person must do to allow Jesus in.
- Underline the promise Jesus makes to one who opens the door



Man cannot earn eternal life by being good.



By placing trust in Jesus Christ, a person can obtain eternal life



Jesus is outside your life and he wants to come in but the door is closed. The door is under your control. He will come in only if you invite him.

Jesus' coming into your life is entirely dependent upon the invitation you make.

The Certainty of Eternal Life

You can be certain that you have eternal life if you have invited Jesus to come and live inside you. To have Jesus is to have eternal life. To be without Jesus is to be without eternal life. Consider the following verse

¹¹ And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I John 5:11-12

- Circle the one giving eternal life
- In verse 11, underline in whom eternal life is found
- In verse twelve, frame the one having eternal life
- Underline the one who does not have eternal life

If a person has received Jesus, He has received eternal life.

In Revelation 3:20, Jesus promised to come in if invited. If He comes in, then eternal life comes with Him.

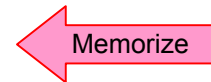
Have you ever opened the door of your life to let Jesus in? If you invited Him in, then eternal life came with Him. If you have not yet invited Him in, you can invite Him in right now with a simple prayer. Here is a suggested prayer:

Lord Jesus, I am sinful but I want the eternal life you have to give. Thank you for dying on the cross to pay for my sin. I invite you to come and live within me. I receive you as my Savior and invite you to be my Lord. Thank you for forgiving my sin and giving me eternal life.

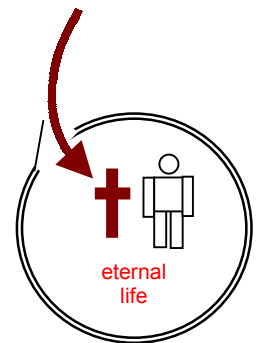
Application

How do you know you have eternal life?

Where is Jesus right now? How do you know?



When someone invites Jesus in He takes up residence within them and brings eternal life with Him



Once Jesus comes to live within, He will never leave. Consider his statement in the Gospel of John

²⁷My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; **no one can snatch them out of my hand.**

John 10:27-28

No one can take you out of Jesus' protective love once you have received Him.