

Jesus Gives Eternal Life

Often the fact that God and Jesus offer life that is eternal knocks me to my knees in grateful worship. At other times knowing that His life in me is eternal empowers me to go through sufferings now while holding onto His word. There is His Spirit and hope of glory promise to sustain me in my weakness.

We have previously heard Jesus' offer in John 3:13-16 "“No one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven: the Son of Man. As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; so that whoever believes in Him will in Him have eternal life”.

The apostle John recorded Jesus' definition of what eternal life is in John 17: "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You, even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life. **This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.**

The Greek word "aiónios" that is translated into the English word "eternal" is rich and full of meaning, see <https://biblehub.com/greek/166.htm>, implying not just everlasting but also having a timeless beginning and nature that never ends yet can be experienced in time.

The Father God is eternal (Isaiah 9:6). The Son is Eternal because Isaiah 9:6 says His name will be called everlasting Father, He is The Word who was in the beginning with God (John 1), and is there in eternity with God and His believers in Revelation 21 as The Alpha and The Omega, the beginning, and the end. The Spirit is also eternal (Hebrews 9:14). Many verses tell us that God offers eternal life as a gift that isn't earned by one's works, just by God's grace. Among them are Romans 6:23, 1 John 5:11, 20, and John 10:28.

Once one believes in God and His son Jesus Christ their name is written into the lamb's book of life (Revelation 21:5), and will thus have eternal life with God forever "when the books are opened" at the end of this age rather than suffer God's wrath forever "which is the second death"

If you believe in Jesus Christ and the Father God who sent Him, please contemplate what your relationship with the eternal Father, Son, and Spirit means to you and express your thankfulness and praise for their free gift of eternal life. Having this eternal life should give us the courage to go through the sufferings and troubles that Jesus promised would be part of His followers' life in this age en route to a glorious future. If you have not yet received this gift, what is holding you back from receiving it? All it takes is to say yes to God's offer.