

“A Study Of Eternal Life”

Lesson Text: 1 John 5:11-13.

– The phrase “eternal life” or “life eternal” occurs 44 times in the New Testament (14 places the KJB has “everlasting life”). In the four gospels, John uses it the most at 17 times and 6 times in his book of 1 John. Matthew, Mark, and Luke use the phrase 8 times, Luke uses it twice in the book of Acts (Acts 13:46,48), Paul uses it ten times in his letters, and once in Jude (Jude 21).

1. What Is Eternal Life?

– The Meaning of Life Eternal:

The Greek word: *Zoe*, “is used in the NT “of life as a principle, life in the absolute sense, life as God has it, that which the Father has in Himself, and which He gave to the Incarnate Son to have in Himself, John 5:26, and which the Son manifested in the world, 1 John 1:2. From this life man has become alienated in consequence of the Fall, Eph. 4:18,” (*Vine’s Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words* (Vol. 2, p. 367).

- Distinct from physical life- **John 5:40— John 10:10-11.**
- One can be alive physically, yet not have eternal life- **1 Timothy 5:6; 1 John 3:15.**
- Eternal Life is the same as the “*crown of life*” **James 1:12; 2 Timothy 4:8; Rev. 2:10.**

2. When Is Eternal Life Given?

- Now or In The Future? **1 John 5:11.**
- Eternal Life is the Promise of God- **2 Timothy 1:1; 1 John 2:25; Hebrews 6:11-12.**
- Eternal Life Is Our Inheritance- **Mark 10:17— Matthew 19:29; Luke 10:25.**
- Eternal Life is Also Our Hope- **Titus 1:2; 3:7.**
- “*Hope That Is Seen is Not Hope*” **Rom. 8:24-25.; 1 Timothy 6:12—v.19; Jude 21.**
- “*the Hope laid up for you in heaven*” **Colossians 1:5; Philippians 3:12.**
- At The Resurrection- **2 Corinthians 5:1-4; 1 Corinthians 15:50-54.**
- At The Judgment— **Matthew 25:46; Romans 2:5-7; Romans 6:21-23; Gal. 6:7-8.**
- How is it spoken of as our possession now? **Romans 4:17-18 (Genesis 17:5).**

3. Is Eternal Life Conditional?

- To Receive It Is Conditional:
 1. What Jesus Told The Rich Young Ruler- **Mark 10:19.**
 2. Coming To Jesus, The Source of Eternal Life- **John 5:40; 1 John 5:11-12.**
 3. Believe In Jesus- **1 John 5:13; John 3:36;**
 4. Obey Jesus- **John 10:27-28; Hebrews 5:8-9; 2 Timothy 1:10; 2 Thess. 1:7-9.**
 5. What if we do not believe and obey Jesus? What if we do, then become unfaithful?
 6. Notice The Conditional Nature- **1 Timothy 5:6; Hebrews 6:4-6; 10:25-35; 1 John 3:15; Revelation 2:10.**