

Short Answer Series #12

What is eternal life?

'I give to them Eternal Life and they shall never perish.' John 10 v 28.

To be Eternal means to have no beginning, and no ending. The only One who is Eternal therefore, is God. Everything else, including Angels, is created, and has a beginning, so they can never be Eternal. Can a mortal with a beginning, become Eternal with no beginning? No. So, how does Jesus give us Eternal life?

In 1 John 5 v 11-12, we read, 'And this is the record, that God has given to us Eternal Life, and this life is in His Son. He that has the Son has life; and he that has not the Son of God has not life.'

Eternal Life is a person, Jesus Christ, and there is no way to have Eternal Life apart from Him. Philosophy will not give you Eternal Life. Religion will not give you Eternal Life. Going to Church will never give you Eternal Life. A life of good deeds can never give you Eternal Life.

The only way you can ever have Eternal Life, is by having the Eternal One, Jesus Christ living in you. It is not something mortal becoming Eternal. It is something mortal becoming part of something Eternal, by having part of God in you. 'Christ in you the hope of glory,' as Paul puts it in Colossians 1 v 27b.

When you have that Eternal One living in you, you have Eternal Life, because He is Eternal. 'If any man have not the Spirit of Christ he is none of His.' Romans 8 v 9b .

Without that Spirit living in you, you are hopelessly, totally, lost, and always will be. 'This is the true God and Eternal Life.' 1 John 5 v 20b (speaking of Jesus). Christianity can best be summed up in the old adage, 'It's not what you know, it's Who you know.' To know Him is life.

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