

Five Pillars of Free Grace Theology

Pillar 1 – Justification comes freely through faith alone, but discipleship is costly.

Pillar 2 – There are two kinds of inheritance in the Bible.

Pillar 3 – There are two dimensions to eternal life.

Pillar 4 – It is possible for saved people to fail and become carnal.

Pillar 5 – Justification comes freely through faith alone, but rewards are obtained by works.

Pillar 3 – There are two dimensions to eternal life

The phrase eternal life (Greek *zoe aionios*, life eternal) occurs 43 times in the Greek New Testament.

- 1 - When speaking of being acquired as a present possession it is always by faith alone in Jesus. It is used this way 19 times or 44% of the usage.
- 2 - When speaking of being acquired as a future possession it is always based on works. It is used this way 15 times or 35% of the usage.

When speaking of being acquired as a present possession it is always by faith alone in Jesus.

John 3:15-16; 4:14; 5:24, 39-40; 6:27-29, 47, 54, 68-69; 10:27-28; 17:2

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life”. (5:24)

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life”. (6:47)

Acts 13:46-48

Romans 5:21

1 Timothy 1:16

Titus 3:5-7

1 John 5:11, 13

When speaking of being acquired as a future possession it is always based on works.

John 4:36; 12:25

“Already he who reaps is receiving wages, and is gathering fruit for life eternal; that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together”. (4:36)

“He who loves his life loses it; and he who hates his life in this world shall keep it to life eternal”. (12:25)

Matthew 19:16, 29 (Mark 10:17-22, 30; Luke 18:18-30)
Romans 2:7; 6:22

“But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life”. (6:22)

Galatians 6:8-9

1 Timothy 6:12, 19

Jude 21

“Whenever eternal life is viewed as a reward in the New Testament, it is presented as something to be acquired in the future. But when it is presented as a gift, it is something acquired in the present. No one can receive it as a reward, that is, experience it to a more abundant degree, until he has first received eternal life freely as a gift”.

Jody Dillow, *Final Destiny*, (221)¹

“No *unjustified person* can obtain eternal life on the basis of works. But it is also true that the *justified person* can obtain it on the basis of works”!

Dillow, (223)

“The Christian who perseveres in doing good works can obtain the reward of eternal life, that is, an enriched experience of that life given to him freely at justification through faith alone”.

Dillow, (227)

¹Dillow, Joseph C. *Final Destiny: The Future Reign of the Servant Kings*. N.p.: Joseph Dillow, 2012.