

“Let the word of Christ dwell (abide, settle) in you richly (abundantly), teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and songs of the Spirit, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”

Colossians 3:16

**“WHOEVER HAS THE
SON HAS LIFE”**

1 John 5: 6-13

(⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that **Jesus** is the Son of God?) ⁶ This is he who came by **water** and **blood**—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because **the Spirit is the truth**. ⁷ For there are three that testify: ⁸ the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

9 If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son.

10 **Whoever believes** in the Son of God has the testimony **in** himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

¹¹ And this is the testimony, that God gave us **eternal life**, and this life is in his Son.

¹² Whoever **has** the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may **know** that you have **eternal life**.

1 John 5:6-13

This is the TESTIMONY...

Jesus, the Messiah came by:

Water?

Blood?

Spirit too?

This is the TESTIMONY...

Jesus, the Messiah came by:

Water = The Baptising Ministry of Jesus

“I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.”

Ezekiel 36:25-27

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. **He (Jesus) will baptize you** with the Holy Spirit and fire.” Matthew 3:11



“For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body (by Jesus) —Jews or Greeks, slaves or free— and all were made to drink of one Spirit.”

1 Corinthians 12:13

“Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might **sanctify** her, having **cleansed** her by the **washing of water with the word**, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.”

Ephesians 5:25-27

“... let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.” Hebrews 10:22



Jesus, the Messiah came by:

Water and **Blood** ?

Blood ?

Jesus came in the flesh. John 1:14

- Docetism – appeared to human; die on the cross.
 - “That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life....

Blood ?

Jesus came in the flesh.

- Docetism – appeared to human; die on the cross.
 - John 1:14: “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”
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➤ “That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life... that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.” 1:1,3

- Atoning Sacrifice

- Incarnation

- the “sacrifice” began at conception and continued through Gethsemane.
- “And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.” Luke 22:19

- Atoning Sacrifice

- The Cross –

- “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the **blood** of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.” (1:7)

- Atoning Sacrifice
 - “He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.” 2:2
 - “This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.” 4:10
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➤ “... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith.

He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.”

Romans 3:23-26

Resurrection...

- If Jesus did not really come in the flesh He could not suffer to the point of death...
- And if He did not really die, He could not really be raised from the dead...
- And if He was not raised from the dead then our preaching and faith is futile (1 Corinthians 15:14).

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“In him you also, when you heard **the word of truth, the gospel** of your salvation, and believed in him, were **sealed** with the **promised Holy Spirit**, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.”

Ephesians 1:13-14

“The Spirit **himself** testifies with our spirit that we are **God’s children.**”

Romans 8:16



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“... because the Spirit is the truth.” (6b)

“When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, namely, the **Spirit of truth** who comes from the Father, He will **testify** about Me...”

“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the **Spirit of truth**, comes, he will guide you into **all the truth**. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

He will **glorify me** because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”

John 16: 12-15

What is truth?

- A set of facts or beliefs which we base our lives/behavior around?
- **Reality?**
 - Greeks – in contrast to **illusion**.
 - Satan in the Garden.
 - What the world offers – chocolate and fear.
 - I've kept these from my youth up. What else is there?

What is truth?

Whatever the Father and the Spirit testify about the Son.

What is their testimony about the Son?

“And this is the testimony: **God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.** Whoever **has** the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.” 5:11-12

“Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. These are a shadow of the things that were to come; **the reality**, however, is found in Christ.”

Colossians 2:16-17

Truth and Reality: It's all about having the Son.

IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS!



The Purpose of 1 John:

“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.”

“Evangelism Explosion?”

Eternal Life – misconceptions and limitations:

- Not accessed through a “canned prayer”.
 - Not accessed without “counting the cost”.
 - Is not just referring to where I go when I die as a Christian.
 - Doesn't begin when I die.
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How do you **know** you have eternal life?

Abide in (Love/Believe in)

Jesus

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Love People

(3:23)

Remember: Eternal Life is a “Who” – not a “What”

“The (Word of) life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life (Jesus), which was with the Father and **has appeared to us.**” 1:2

Once a man is united to God, how could he not live forever? - *C.S. Lewis*

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have **life, and have it to the full.**” John 10:10

“Eternal life is not primarily duration but quality of life, “life to the limit.”

— John Eldredge

“I am the way and the truth and the **life**...”

John 14:6a

“Eternal life means more than mere future blessing to be enjoyed by believers; it is equally a kind of spiritual ability.”

- *Watchman Nee*

“Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no **life** in you... For my flesh is **real** food and my blood is **real** drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and **I live because of the Father**, so the one who feeds on me will **live because of me.**”

John 6:53-57

Eternal life is not a peculiar feeling inside! It is not your ultimate destination, to which you will go when you are dead. If you are born again, eternal life is that **quality of life** that you possess right now.

- Major Ian Thomas

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“I’m all in.”



Addendum



How do you **know** you have eternal life?

- Are you persuaded and convinced that Jesus is the Son of God who took on the form of servant (Philippians 2)?
- Do you believe that Jesus' life, death and resurrection has paid your debt of sin?
- Do you trust Jesus as your Advocate?
- Do recognize Jesus as the Christ (Messiah) – the Anointed One, the King.

How do you **know** you have eternal life?

- Do you make every effort to walk in the light as He is in the light? To obey His commands?
 - Are you quick to confess your sin? Refusing to minimize sin?
 - Do you walk like Jesus did/does?
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How do you **know** you have eternal life?

- Do you actively love your brothers and sisters and neighbors and see them as Christ does?
 - Have you rejected the “sneaky world system” that often finds its way into the church?
 - Do you abide in the fact that you are an “overcoming child of God”?
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- Are you “seeing to it” (2:24-25) that eternal life (Jesus) remains in you?
 - Are you growing in “knowing” God – intimately?
 - Do you rely on and experience His Spirit’s power within you?
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