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We Still Exist

STILL

- I will never forget walking into my in-laws home and being startled by a word inserted into John 3:16 on a plaque by the door saying this:

“FOR GOD *STILL* SO LOVES THE WORLD”

- I find it winsome to consider that the life, cross, and resurrection of Jesus is as life-giving today, in this moment, as it ever has been. God truly still loves this world through Jesus His Son.

EVERLASTING LOVE

- John 3:16, “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”
 1. God’s love has a PLAN- “This is how God loved the world”
 2. The PLAN is to give a GIFT- Himself through the person of His Son
 3. The PLAN offers a CALL- “Believe in Him” and this delivers the promise
 4. The PROMISE of God’s love through His Son is: Eternal Life!
- 1 John 5:12 (NLT) Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God’s Son does not have life.

ETERNITY IN PRESENT THINKING

Many people do not value eternal life because they have not considered the difference it can make in their actual present life.

1. Some people are so caught up in the present world they give no thought to Eternal Life. (They plan for retirement better than their eternal destiny)
2. Others think Eternal Life is so remote as to be unknowable by time-bound creatures like us. We are left only to speculative thoughts about it. (It doesn't impact their daily lives)
3. And still others see Eternal Life as applying only to the end- when they are done living their own way and they may be ready for it. (They are missing out and deceived on True Life!)

WHAT IS ETERNAL LIFE?

“Eternal Life describes the salvation that God bestows on those who trust and serve him. It denotes not only the length of time that God’s favor extends to his people but also the quality of existence that they may enjoy as they worship and serve him.” Baker’s Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology (Emphasis mine)

WHAT IS ETERNAL LIFE?

- Here is the main point for today. God's love is everlasting and will not end. His love extends to us the offer of eternal life and that starts now!
- Eternal Life is meant to be experienced and enjoyed! It is the quality of life you *now have* through Jesus, not only the length or quantity of it.

“For this reason, eternal life can be thought of as something that Christians experience now. Believers don’t have to “wait” for eternal life, because it’s not something that starts when they die. Rather, eternal life begins the moment a person exercises faith in Christ. It is our current possession. John 3:36 says, “Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life.” Note that the believer “has” (present tense) this life (the verb is present tense in the Greek, too). The focus of eternal life is not on our future, but on our current standing in Christ.”

<https://www.gotquestions.org/what-is-eternal-life.html>

ENJOYING ETERNAL LIFE

1. YOU WILL NEVER PERISH!

(John 3:16)

ENJOYING ETERNAL LIFE

2. YOU HAVE AN UNQUENCHABLE
SOURCE WITHIN AND WILL NEVER BE
SPIRITUALLY THIRSTY AGAIN!

(John 4:14)

ENJOYING ETERNAL LIFE

3. YOU HAVE ALREADY PASSED FROM
DEATH TO LIFE. YOU ARE ALIVE AND
WELL FOREVER!

(John 5:24)

ENJOYING ETERNAL LIFE

4. YOU WILL BE RAISED UP ON THE
LAST DAY BY JESUS.

(John 6:40)

ENJOYING ETERNAL LIFE

5. YOU KNOW HOW TO EXPERIENCE AND
ENJOY ETERNAL LIFE MORE AND MORE
BECAUSE YOU ARE PURSUING THE ONLY
TRUE GOD AND JESUS HIS SON

(John 17:3)

GOD'S LOVE GIVES LIFE

- Eternal Life starts now for all who believe in Jesus
- The greater experiencing of Eternal Life is found in further pursuing reliance upon Jesus Christ.
- There are people seated all around here who are currently carrying Eternal Life in them and although they look similar, they are filled with these 5 enjoyments (and more!) right now.
- God gave 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.” 1 John 5:11-12