

## **Eternal Life is Having a Relationship with Him**

Eph 4:12 — In the Greek it actually says to qualify the saints according to the ability and grace they have to perfectly fit into the body movement, where they are *in* the *works* they were created and saved to do (Eph 2:10 and Titus 2:14).

Whoever has the Son has the life (1 Jn 5:12). Who *has* the Son? *Has* is a present possession. Verse 13 — The whole letter is addressed to combat those who may have been under an illusion or delusion. The letter is against gnosticism.

1 Jn 2:1 — There are three reasons why we sin, three enemies — the flesh, the world, Satan. Even in the next age natural people will have the flesh. They will not be totally free. People still will die in the next age — a child at the age of 100 years. The three enemies are the sources for sin.

Everyone who sins must die unless he confesses his sins. That is the only way to escape (Rom 6:23). When we confess, it falls on our Master Yahshua. It is one of the sins He died for 2000 years ago. He wants us to be glad that He died. Are you glad that your sins are forgiven and you have eternal life? We, His holy and special people, must all have such a relationship with our Master that none of us would ever sin against Him, against the One who bought us by His death, or against our Father who sacrificed His own Son to redeem us from death (Titus 2:14; Acts 13:39).

Rom 5:8-10 — We are justified by His death; we are saved by His life. Saved, healed, restored, being made into His image — that is full salvation. We are rescued by His death. Salvation is a work that He accomplishes in us. Just because you are pulled out of the water doesn't mean you are being saved. Acts 2:47 — Someone may have to give you artificial respiration, pump life into you. Rom 1:17 — He can only add to the number of a people who are being saved. Rev 3:4 — He could not add to their number any longer.

Ps 116:1-2 — The rest of my life I will call upon Him. Our Master called upon His Father even in death. We are supposed to do the same thing. We are not automatons. It is an act

of our will. He wants us to cooperate with Him in salvation so that He can reward us one day. He rewards us according to how we gave our will to Him. We may lay our crown at His feet, but He wants us to wear it with Him.

Eternal life is having a relationship with Him. There is only one reason that keeps someone from having eternal life. That is if they are unwilling. It is a matter of the will. If a person is willing then faith will come to them. God will give them the needed illumination.

A person has a will. He can always do good. It is a natural law (Rom 2:14). No one has any excuse when they stand before Him in judgment. What is wrong with a person who doesn't want eternal life even after they have heard the good news over and over again and then reject it? He is judged already. He won't even need to come to judgment. Jn 3:17-19 is the basis for the judgment. We need to know all of Jn 3 in order to know the good news.

Jn 3:18 — This is talking about people who have heard from a valid sent one (2 Cor 4:3-4). They are judged for not receiving faith from them. The only reason that they, after hearing the good news from a qualified person, do not respond is because they are perishing. The god of this age has blinded people's eyes who do not believe. In verse 2 you see the qualification for a sent one. It is the same qualification as in Jn 7:18, that there would be no falsehood in that person. If someone ever hears the gospel from a person who is out of touch with Satan and he doesn't respond, then his guilt remains upon him.

Jn 3:17 — He didn't send His Son to condemn the world, because the world was condemned already. 2 Cor 4:2-3; Jn 7:18; Mt 10:41 — People who preach the good news have to be righteous. Otherwise it does not work. There has to be no guilt upon them. They don't experience guilt.

Jn 3:18 — He who believes in Him through the presentation of the good news is not condemned. Verse 19 — You may say, "I don't love darkness." Well you do, but you don't know what darkness is. The darkness is not as dark now as it is going to get. If you love it you have to live with it the rest of your life. Right now there is hope for people.

Rev 20:12-13 — A person must not necessarily go to this judgment. Rev 19:20 — They were thrown alive into the lake of fire (Rev 20:10). They already have been judged. Rev 20:12-13 — People who go to that judgment are those who never heard the good news, who never rejected the good news. Probably the beast and the false prophet will have opportunity to hear the good news.

Rev 21:8 — All liars will go there, all those who love darkness. Do you remember when you loved darkness? You probably did not notice that you loved darkness. If you don't receive the gospel when it is preached to you by a true sent one, you love darkness. You are guilty. You may not feel guilty, but you are guilty by association.

We are saved out of the world. We have to crucify our flesh, because that is the only way Satan can touch us. When our flesh is finished he won't be able to touch us any more. That is salvation. You crucify the flesh daily.

You can see how important Eph 4:10-12 is. Evangelists qualify the saints for the work of service. They always speak about the gospel, about evangelism.