

Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, **hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.**

1st Corinthians 15:50 - 55: - “Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. **Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.** So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory?”

NOTE: - Why do the saints have to put on [“must put on” is the expression used by the KJV translators] incorruption and immortality, if they already naturally have immortality? What need of the resurrection of the just if the saints already possess natural immortality and eternal life? What need of the gospel of Christ if we all have inherent immortality? These are questions that need to be weighed against the plain statements of the Scriptures that are found in this small tract.

Luke 20:34 - 36: - “And Jesus answering said unto them, The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage: But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and **the resurrection from the dead**, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: **Neither can they die any more:** for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, **being the children of the resurrection.**”

1st Thessalonians 4:15 – 17: - “For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent¹ them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: **and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.**”

☞ **Eternal Life is a gift from God that is found ONLY in Jesus Christ.**

Romans 6:23: - “For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

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¹ The old English definition of the word “**PREVENT**” is: - “To go before; to precede.” – Noah Webster’s 1828 Dictionary.

ETERNAL LIFE AND IMMORTALITY IS ONLY THROUGH JESUS CHRIST AND THE GOSPEL, AT THE RESURRECTION OF THE JUST: -

NOTE: - All Bible texts are from the King James Version; and the compilers have supplied all emphasis throughout this booklet.

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QUESTION: - Does humanity naturally possess eternal life or immortality?

ANSWER: - No. The Christian Bible teaches that eternal life and immortality is to be found only through Jesus Christ and the gospel, at the resurrection of the just.

JESUS CHRIST IS THE LIFE AND THE RESURRECTION: -

John 1:1 - 4: - **“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.** The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. **In him was life;** and the life was the light of men.”

John 11:25: - “Jesus said unto her, **I am the resurrection, and the life:** he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.”

John 14:6: - “Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life:** no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

John 14:19: - “Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: **because I live, ye shall live also.**”

Colossians 3:3 & 4: - “For ye are dead, and **your life is hid with Christ in God.** When **Christ, who is our life,** shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.”

2nd Timothy 1:1: - “Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to **the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus.**”

1st John 1:1 & 2: - "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, **of the Word of life; (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)**"

ETERNAL LIFE IS TO BE FOUND ONLY THROUGH FAITH IN THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST: -

John 3:14 – 16: - "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must **the Son of man** be lifted up: **That whosoever believeth in him** should not perish, but **have eternal life**. For God so loved the world, that he gave **his only begotten Son**, **that whosoever believeth in him** should not perish, but **have everlasting life**."

John 3:36: - "**He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life;** but the wrath of God abideth on him."

John 5:24: - "Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life**, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

John 6:47: - "Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that believeth on me hath everlasting life**."

John 10:27 & 28: - "**My sheep** hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: **And I give unto them eternal life;** and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand."

John 20:30 & 31: - "And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that **ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name**."

2nd Timothy 1:10: - "But is now made manifest by the appearing of **our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel**."

1st John 5:11 - 13: - "And this is the record, **that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the**

Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you **that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life**, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”

**BECAUSE JESUS HAS BEEN RAISED UP FROM THE DEAD, HE WILL
RAISE UP BELIEVERS IN HIM UNTO ETERNAL LIFE AND IMMORTALITY
AT THE RESURRECTION OF THE JUST: -**

1st Corinthians 15:12 - 17: - “Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: **And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.** Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: **And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.**”

The resurrected Christ is the first fruits of those who sleep in Him [that is, those who have died in faith in Him]. They will be raised up unto eternal life and immortality at His second coming.

1st Corinthians 15:20 – 23: - “But now is **Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.** For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: **Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.**”

John 5:25, 28 & 29: - “Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when **the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.** ... Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; **they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life;** and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.”

John 6:39 & 40: - “And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, **but should raise it up again at the last day.** **And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.**”

John 6:53 & 54: - “Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.**”