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Brad McAlister (P.M.)

Lord's Table
John Hopper

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Michiel Criswell & Bryan Davis

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Brice Lindley (03/08/23)

OUR RECORD

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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17).
2. **Believe** the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16).
3. **Repent** of Sins (Acts 3:19).
4. **Confess** Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37).
5. **Be Baptized** for Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38).
6. **Be Faithful** (Revelation 2:10).



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BIBLE FACTS ABOUT ETERNAL LIFE Mark Lindley

One of the most beautiful concepts of Scripture is the idea of eternal life. Man has a naturally tendency to want to live. We try to eat right, exercise, take medicines, etc. because we want to prolong our lives upon this earth. However, in spite of efforts to extend our lives, if the Lord doesn't come first, we will all die physically (Hebrews 9:27).

Nevertheless, followers of Christ have the assurance that beyond physical death there is eternal life. Jesus declared, "And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die" (John 11:26). The following are facts we should know about eternal life.

1. One can be assured of eternal life. John affirms that we can "know" we have eternal 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" (I John 5:13).

2. Eternal life is a "promise." "And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life" (I John 2:25).

3. Christians live "in hope" of eternal life. Paul wrote that we live "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began" (Titus 1:2).

4. Eternal life is to be enjoyed in its fullness "in the world to come." "There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and **in the world to come** eternal life" (Mark 10:29-30).

5. Eternal life will be entered after the judgment: "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous **into life eternal**" (Matthew 25:46).

Now, let's put it all together. While it is true that one can "know" he has eternal life, according to Scripture, eternal life is "a promise." Thus, the Christian lives in anticipation of receiving the "promise." This promise is not to be realized in the here and now, but, according to Jesus, "in the world to come." This is the Christian's "hope" (see Titus 1:2).

This promise is given to those who are "faithful unto death" (Revelation 2:10), to those who "sow to the Spirit that they might reap life everlasting" (Galatians 6:7-8), to those whose names will not be "blotted out of the book of life" (Exodus 32:32; Revelation 3:5), to those who "fight the good fight, finish the course, and keep the faith" (II Timothy 4:6-8).

Don't be misled by the false teaching that "if you get it, you can never lose it." The fact that we can "know" we have eternal life, does not cancel the necessity of being faithful to the Lord that we might receive the "promise" of eternal life "in the world to come." The Lord will keep His promise and commitment to us. The question is, will we keep our promise and commitment to Him? Some may reject it, but the Christian will rejoice in the promise of eternal life!

MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE

James Pilgrim

We sometimes sing a song, entitled, "My Jesus, I Love Thee." Do we only sing this, or do we really love Jesus? Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." (John 14:15). Verse 21 says, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him." 1 John 5:1, 2 say, "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments." Verse 3 says, "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous." It has been said, "The proof is in the pudding." The proof of our love for God, Jesus, the brethren, and all others, even our enemies, is shown by our love. Cf. Matthew 5:43-48. It is easy to sing, "My Jesus, I love Thee." Do we show this to be true by what we do? Consider...

Am I a Christian? Paul said Agrippa was a believer, and he was "almost" persuaded, but as far as we know he was never fully persuaded. (Acts 26:27-29). Felix heard Paul "concerning the faith in Christ", but he only "trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee." (Acts 24:24, 25). We never read of Felix showing his love for God and Jesus by obeying the commandments. What about you, dear one?

Am I a faithful child of God? Read Mark 13:13; Revelation 2:10; and 1 Corinthians 15:58. In addition to obeying the gospel (Hebrews 5:8, 9), one must grow (1 Peter 2:2; 2 Peter 3:18) into one of "full age." (Hebrews 5:11-14). There is a time when one "ought to be" a teacher. (Verse 12). Christians (every one) should not be on milk after a time.

Knowing that "There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and destroy." (James 4:12; 2 Corinthians 5:1-11), it is past time for each of us to tell others that God created the world by Jesus (Hebrews 1:1, 2; John 1:1-3), that Jesus is Deity, God (John 1:1; Philippians 2:6), that He left heaven, "made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men" (Philippians 2:7), "became obedient to death, even the death of the cross" (Verse 8), and that "God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:..." (Verse 9; 1 Timothy 3:16). As a result of this, "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow...and...every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Verses 10, 11). Romans 10:17, Hear/Believe; Acts 17:30, 31, Repent; Matthew 10:32, 33, Confess; Acts 2:38; Romans 6:1-6, be buried in baptism. Go, brother! Go, sister! **TODAY! The elders and Mark cannot do it all.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

GOSPEL MEETING

MARCH 19TH – 22ND

Sunday meal following AM service.
PM Service at 1:30 PM

*A Plea For Prayers
Please pray for spiritual and
numerical growth for the
Chapman Congregation in 2023.*

A Congregation Grows When...

- Each member has a deep concern for the lost.
- Each member enters into the worship service with much feeling and enthusiasm.
- Each member is interested in an aggressive Bible School program.
- Each teacher is interested in improving his or her teaching ability.
- Each elder and deacon is dedicated to the work.
- Each member is personally involved in the work.
- Each member is willing to purpose and give as he or she has been prospered.
- Each member lets brotherly love express itself to every other member.
- Each member is willing to truthfully say, "Here am I Lord, send me."

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EXTENDED ILLNESS: Theo Smith, Joanie Kate Reese, Olivia Pounders, Joe Clark, Louise Pannell (Sharon's Mother), Malone Hurt, Gerohn Childs, Junior Derrick, Jane Morrison, George Doss, Thad Berryman, Hannah Perry & Baby, Juanita Michael

CANCER: Billy McBryde, George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Deborah Williams (Kim Lindley's Aunt), Ralph Shaw (Janie Chapman's Son-in-law), Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Trish Clark, Johnnie Carpenter, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Steve Barnes (Mickey & Gail Chandler's Son-in-law), Betty Faye Ledbury

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