

Believest thou this?

John 1:1 – 5 *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (2) The same was in the beginning with God. (3) All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. (4) In him was life; and the life was the light of men. (5) And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.”*

The greatest thing to humans, **is life**. We were born with a soul, spirit, and a body, we were born with life in that soul. We treasure life on this earth, we want to extend our life, we pray often if not for ourselves for the health and wellbeing of others, because we treasure life. We only pray for life to end if one is on the verge of dying and in much pain and suffering. We often pray for the Lord to come, but that is different. Life is so wonderful to us; we will do almost anything to extend it.

Most people do not think about death, because it is not part of our thought process. People do not like to think about death because we know so little about it. Even as Christians, even as well learned Christians we know so little about death. Therefore, we focus on life, and look beyond death. If Christians knew as much about death as they do life, we would focus more on death and what happens after death.

This we do know, one life is temporary, and the other is eternal. One life will end and the other will never end. When our life ends on this earth, what is next? Where is your eternity going to be?

In creation God formed a human body out of dirt from the earth, then He breath the breath of life into that body and it became a living soul. We see this proven in **Genesis 2:7** *“And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.”* This life, that people are blessed with is a gift from God. However, due to the disobedience of Adam, all people are born sinners, separated from God, and enemies of God. **Romans 8:7** *“Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.”* Because the lost sinner is born dead spiritually because of sin. People in the flesh hate God and will never obey God’s laws, therefore, people are born hostel to God and His laws. Sin has delivered death to every living soul, and their destiny after death is eternity in hell.

This does not have to be the result, there is life after death, and that life is only possible through the power of God, who is the giver of life. This is the life we want to focus on today, it is called “Eternal Life” and it comes through Jesus Christ.

A. Life is in Jesus. “*In him was life...*” John 1:4

1. Just as God breathed life into man in the beginning, He returns that breath of life in Jesus His Son. Jesus said, **John 11:25 - 26** “*Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: (26) And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. **Believest thou this?***”
2. What was the promise from Jesus?
 - a. “*I am the resurrection, and the life*” Jesus told a very love friend that He is the resurrection and life. In fact, this is God, who cannot lie saying this.
 - b. Jesus second promise is, “*...he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live...*” V. 25 This same Jesus, this same Son of God who cannot lie, promised that in Him we shall live when we die on this earth. God made this promise, **John 3:35 - 36** “*The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand. (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.*” The wrath of our sin is on Jesus!
 - c. Jesus gave us this third promise, “*...whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die...*” Not if you are baptized, not if you join a church, not if you work enough good works, **but if you believe in Jesus as your Saviour**, you will never die. Let’s look at **1 John 5:10 - 12** “*He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. (11) **And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.** (12) He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.”*
 - d. Then Jesus asked this question, “*...Believest thou this?*” – **Do you?** Do you believe God?

- e. Jesus promised, **John 14:10-12** "*Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.*" – If you do not believe my words, then you do not believe the Fathers words, and you call Him a liar!
- B. Our Life in Jesus is not temporal but eternal. "*And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.*" John 11:26
- 1. Have you ever heard the mocking of the Baptist called "once saved always saved"?
 - a. Did you know that terminology is not in the bible? Therefore, this term is not Baptist Doctrine because Baptist doctrine is Bible Doctrine.
 - b. This is not a term I ever use in preaching because it is not a biblical term. So lets look at the biblical term.
 - 2. "*shall never die*" Jesus promised that those who believe in Him "Shall never die."
 - a. Jesus also calls it "eternal life" Jesus said, **John 3:15** "*That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.*"
 - b. Did Jesus include baptism, church membership, works? **No!**
 - c. **1 John 2:25** "*And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.*" – See, I look at once saved always saved as a slogan of criticizing Baptist doctrine, Eternal life is a promise from a Saviour and a God, who loses nothing. **John 17:12** "*While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.*"
- C. Therefore, I close with this question, ***Believest thou this?***"
- 1. Do you believe the record of God, or the record of a man?
 - 2. The question was not about the resurrection of Lazarus, the question is do you believe that Jesus Christ can redeem you from your sins, do you believe that Jesus Christ can give you life eternal, do you believe His blood can cleanse you from all of your sins, do you believe this?

3. Or do you believe in humanistic views that contradict the scriptures? **John 3:18 - 19**

“He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

(19) And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.”