

AN ENDLESS FALLING IN LOVE

The Truer Meaning Of Eternal Life

Thesis: The eternal life promised in the Bible is more than merely endless days and months and years of living. It is endless life of a very specific quality and content. Its quality is extremely high and its contents extremely pleasurable, because eternal life, in the truest Biblical sense, is an forever deepening love relationship with the most beautiful person in all the universe. Eternal life is an endless falling in love with God Himself.

The Marriage Metaphor

John 17:3, 24-26—3This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. . . . **24**Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. **25**O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. **26**And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare *it*, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.

Ezekiel 16:4-8, TEV—4“When you were born, no one cut your umbilical cord or washed you or rubbed you with salt or wrapped you in cloths. **5**No one took enough pity on you to do any of these things for you. When you were born, no one loved you. You were thrown out in an open field. **6**Then I passed by and saw you squirming in your own blood. You were covered with blood, but I wouldn’t let you die [I said to you in your blood, ‘Live!’ Yes, I said to you in your blood, ‘Live!’ (NKJV)]. **7**I made you grow like a healthy plant. You grew strong and tall and became a young woman. Your breasts were well formed, and your hair had grown, but you were naked. **8**As I passed by again, I saw that the time had come for you to fall in love. I promised to love you. Yes, I made a marriage covenant with you, and you became mine.” This is what the Sovereign Lord says.

Hosea 2:19-20—19I will betroth you to Me forever; yes, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness and justice, in lovingkindness and mercy; **20**I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness, and you shall know the LORD.

John 3:27-29, TEV—27John answered, . . . **28**“I am not the Messiah, but have been sent ahead of Him. **29**The bridegroom is the one to whom the bride belongs; but the bridegroom’s friend, who stands by and listens, is glad when he hears the bridegroom’s voice.

Ephesians 5:25-32, TEV—25Husbands, love your wives just as Christ loved the church and gave His life for it. **26**He did this to dedicate the church to God by His word, after making it clean by washing it in water, **27**in order to present the church to Himself in all its beauty—pure and faultless, without spot or wrinkle or any other imperfection. . . . **31**As the Scripture says, “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and unite with his wife, and the two will become one.” **32**There is a deep secret truth revealed in this Scripture, which I understand as applying to Christ and the church.

NOTE: Jesus lifted the word “know” from the Old Testament, where it refers to sexual intimacy (Genesis 4:1), and made it a symbol of the spiritual intimacy God desires with us. He is saying, “The meaning of eternal life is heart-to-heart intimacy with God.”

NOTE: God saves us and give us life, then He invites us to fall in love with Him.

NOTE: Jesus came to our world as the ultimate lover seeking His beloved, to reveal His love for us and arouse a returning love in our hearts for Him.

Journey to the Heart of God

John 1:18—No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

John 16:25-28—**25**These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. **26**In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; **27**for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God. **28**I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father.

John 14:1-6—**1**“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. **2**In My Father’s house are many mansions; if *it were not so*, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. **3**And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. **4**And where I go you know, and the way you know.” **5**Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?” **6**Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

Eternal Life Here and Now

John 10:10—The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

John 5:24—Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

1 John 5:11-13—**11**And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. **12**He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. **13**These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

Psalms 36:7-10—**7**How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings. **8**They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house, And You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures. **9**For with You *is* the fountain of life; in Your light we see light. **10**Oh, continue Your lovingkindness to those who know You, and Your righteousness to the upright in heart.

Here After

Psalms 16:11—You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Revelation 22:4—They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.

Job 19:26-27—**26**After my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God, **27**Whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

Psalms 27:4—One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple.

“Behold Your God”—Isaiah 40:9