

The gift that keeps on giving

My desire in this message is that we will see:

- 1. What is eternal life.**
- 2. Is eternal life available to us now**
- 4. Can we have an assurance of salvation?**
- 5. End with another beautiful symbol, that illustrates what happens to believer when they truly accept the message of the Father and Son and why it is of vital importance to you and I living in the last days.**

And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. Rev 22:1

According to John 7:38-39 what does a river of living water represent?

The Holy Spirit

Let's think about this water. What are some characteristics of this water?

- **What is the main attribute of this water— — — — — living — — — life**
- **what does a river do? — — — — — it flows**
- **Will this river ever stop flowing — — — — — no, thy throne o God is forever**
- **What is another attribute or characteristic of this water? — — — — — pure**
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Can I drink? Can i have a drink of this water?

Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. John 4:10

**What is the gift of God?..... living water or Holy Spirit
Is that living water available now?....yes...**

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Rom 6:23

**What is the gift of God? eternal life....living water.....the Holy Spirit.
When is it available? right now**

....we can receive a down payment of a future inheritance

**Was it God's original plan that life should ever end?
Was there ever a time that death did not exist for human beings?**

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: Rom 5:12

**Christ's whole mission is to restore to us...
the objects of His supreme love
The life that we once had before sin entered.**

The life that humanity originally had is available to us now.

the only difference is that

They had that life in sinless human flesh.

**Christ lived that life in sinful human flesh
so he could turn around and pour out that life**

to a sinful humans....that are living in sinful human flesh

As a human that struggles with sin and the flesh.....this is good news

What type of life is eternal life?

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: John 14:6

In him was life; and the life was the light of men. John 1:4

“In him was life; and the life was the light of men” (John 1:4). It is not physical life that is here specified, but immortality, the life which is exclusively the property of God.

The Word, who was with God, and who was God, had this life. Physical life is something which each individual receives. It is not eternal or immortal; for God,

the Life-giver, takes it again. Man has no control over his life. But the life of Christ was unborrowed.

No one can take this life from Him. "I lay it down of myself" (John 10:18), He said. In Him was life, original, unborrowed, underived. This life is not inherent in man. He can possess it only through Christ. He cannot earn it; it is given him as a free gift if he will believe in Christ as His personal Saviour.

"This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent" (John 17:3). This is the open fountain of life for the world. 1SM 296

The life that was in Jesus Christ was what?.....immortality..eternal life

Is it inherent in us?.....no

Is it inherent in Christ?.....yes

Can we receive it?.....yes....how

"He can possess it only through Christ"

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. 1 john 5:11-13

This is the open fountain of life for the world. The Son of God!!!!

Where do we see in the Bible an open fountain of life?

Is it flowing forth? yes.... Rev 22:1

Why is it pictured as flowing from the throne???????

And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. 1 john 3:5

His life was a life of no sin.

Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. 1 John 3:4

Did Christ have sin? no

Therefore did he ever once transgress the law? no

**“The life” or “eternal life” the life that was in Jesus.
is in perfect harmony with all of God’s laws.**

In the OT sanctuary, what article was a symbol for the throne?

Ark of the covenant..

What was in the ark of the covenant? ten commandments

The ten commandments are the foundation of His throne or government....heaven.

How do you receive that life?.....by receiving the son of God

I believe 1 John 5:11-13 in its fullest sense.

Do you truly have the Son

Or do you have the one playing the role of a Son

I think its important....there is a difference

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Rom 6:23

Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts. 2Cor 1:21-22

Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. 2 Cor 5:5

earnest=pledge

part of the full price of something paid in advance.

The Holy Spirit is given to us a a partial reward or a pledge

given as a guarantee that we will receive the full reward at a later date

I think of a down payment. a down payment is a part of the full payment

given in advance as a guarantee

that the seller will receive at a later date the full amount.

In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory. Eph 1:13-14

The Holy Spirit is the earnest of our inheritance.

To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, 1 Peter 1:4

What is an inheritance? an inheritance is given by a father to His offspring...children.. Did the children earn it or was it a gift?

and.....” **the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Rom 6:23**

I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. John 10:10

How much of his life does he want to give us?

περισσός perissós, per-is-sos'; from G4012 (in the sense of beyond); superabundant (in quantity) or superior (in quality); by implication, excessive;

it kind of gives a whole new meaning to Rev 14:12

Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

**How do we keep the commandments of God....receiving His life
If its his life....whose faith do we receive?**

To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Col 1:27

You do realize that collisions was written for the Laodicean church right?

And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that ye likewise read the epistle from Laodicea. Col 4:16

what is the message to laodicea?!?!?!? Christ in you is your only hope of glory

And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. Rev 22:1-2

- 1. Living Water flowing from the Throne**
- 2. Living Water is the Spirit (john 7:37-38 water =holy Spirit)**
- 3. Spirit is the earnest of inheritance....down payment of eternal life**
- 4. eternal life is found in one person....Jesus Christ the Son of God**
- 5. We receive the Son when we receive His Spirit**
- 6. That life is continually availableeven now**

....the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Rom 6:23

Do we have an example in the scriptures where a believer is symbolized as a tree that is planted by a river and bears fruit?

Psalm 1: 1-6

**Blessed is the man
that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly,
nor standeth in the way of sinners,
nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
But his delight is in the law of the Lord;
and in his law doth he meditate day and night.**

**And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water,
that bringeth forth his fruit in his season;
his leaf also shall not wither;
and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.**

**The ungodly are not so:
but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.
Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous:
but the way of the ungodly shall perish.**