

ETERNAL LIFE: QUANTITATIVE VS QUALITATIVE

A. SOME KEY TRUTHS TO KEEP IN MIND

1. It is imperative that you remember the importance of defining words by their _____ and _____.
 • E.G 7 BAPTISMS; 7 DEATHS; ETC.
2. It is important that you recognize that the Bible uses the word "eternal life" in different ways:
 - a. _____ eternal life - life in union with God that lasts forever in contrast to eternal death. The emphasis of this involves both the _____ of life and _____ of life.
 - b. _____ eternal life - a _____ of life enjoyed in fellowship with God that involves the inner joy, purpose, rest, and the fruit of the Spirit experienced in the believer's life.

B. QUANTITATIVE ETERNAL LIFE Examined.

1. Matthew 25:46 "And these will go away into _____ punishment, but the righteous into _____."
2. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not _____ but _____."
3. John 3:36 "He who believes in the Son _____; and he who does not believe the Son shall _____ life, but the _____ abides on him."
4. John 5:24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me _____, and shall _____ come into _____, but has passed from death into life."
5. John 10:28 "And I give them _____, and they shall _____; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand."

Note: Eternal life is a present possession to all believers that can never be lost though it will be experienced fully after death (Rom.6:22; Tit. 3:7).

C. QUALITATIVE ETERNAL LIFE Examined.

1. John 10:10 "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may _____, and that they may have it _____."

2. John 17:3 "And this is eternal life, that they may _____ You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

3. Galatians 6:7-9

a. The *prohibition* to believers is: **BE NOT DECEIVED.**

b. The *pledge* is: **GOD IS NOT MOCKED.**

c. The *principle* is: for **WHATEVER** a man **SOWS**, that he shall also **REAP.**

d. The *two possibilities and two results*:

1) For he that sows to his **FLESH** will of the **FLESH** reap **CORRUPTION.**

2) But he who sows to the **SPIRIT** will of the **SPIRIT** reap **EVERLASTING LIFE.**

• Galatians 5:16-23

4. 1 Timothy 6:11-12 But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith, _____ on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

5. 1 Timothy 6:17-19 Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. 18 Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, 19 storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may _____ eternal life.

• Sometimes eternal life is in reference to **JESUS CHRIST** Himself.

1 John 1:1-3 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, concerning the Word of life-- 2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us-- 3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

1 John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.