



Lesson Five Eternal Life

I John 5:11–13

The teaching of sound Bible doctrine makes for a strong church. One of the most important doctrines in the Bible is the teaching of the believer's security of having eternal life. When one doubts their salvation they are rendered useless for God's purposes. God always works in sure knowledge never in doubt. Satan uses doubt to paralyze believers in their forward movement. God does not even use doubt to bring someone to salvation. He uses sure knowledge to help someone see they have never trusted His Son for salvation. Doubt is not God's way of working out His plan. It has always been Satan's way of working out his plan. Consider some eternal things we have in Christ.

We Have Eternal _____ (John 10:2–29)

We Have an Eternal _____ (Deut. 33:27)

We Have an Eternal _____ (Rom. 1:20)

We Have an Eternal _____ (II Cor. 5:1)

We Have an Eternal _____ (Eph. 3:10–11)

We Are Headed For an Eternal _____ (I Peter 5:10)

There is an Eternal _____ (Jude 1:7)

We can see that there a lot of eternal things that we have in Christ. Some of these things we will only see when we die, but eternal life is a present possession and through this life we are afforded everything else that is eternal as well (John 3:36; 5:24). Some teach that this doctrine is

dangerous, giving the Christian a mindset that they can live as they wish, meaning living a devilish life, while the whole time claiming eternal life. We must never change Bible doctrine because we are trying to justify a hypothetical situation. Let us learn some things that will help us see that knowing eternal life is a present possession is not dangerous to the believer, but in all reality a blessing.

I. We Are New _____ (II Cor. 5:17)

- A. The _____ of your heart changes because you have become a new creature in Christ.
- B. The Holy Spirit brings _____ upon your soul because you have become a new creature in Christ (John 16:13–14).
 - When you have Christ’s eternal life in you, you have changed into a new creature. You are now somebody that is indwelt by God’s Spirit. He is leading you from the inside. Because I have eternal life, I have the eternal Spirit guiding me daily. It is not dangerous to believe you have a present possession of eternal life, because without it you have no inner guide into holy living.

II. We Have A New _____ (II Cor. 5:14,15, I John 3:16)

- A person that has received Christ and become a new creature has experienced a love that has never been perceived before. As we consider Christ, and what He has done, we live with a new motive to live right. People that think the doctrine of eternal life is a dangerous doctrine do not consider that one that has eternal life understands how great a love God has and is motivated to live their life pleasing Him.

III. We Have A New _____ (Heb. 12:1–11)

A. Before we received Eternal life we were a child of the _____ (John 8:44).

- When the devil was our father, we would do what he wanted us to do. We reflected his character. He was liar and we lied to get our way. He was murderer and we cut people off from our lives in bitterness and anger. A child of the devil behaves as a child of the devil; as a child of God behaves as a child of God (Eph. 2:1–10).

B. When we receive eternal life, we have a new father that deals with us as His _____.

- One of the blessings of knowing we are saved is knowing we are in God's family and that He is our Father in heaven. A person that doubts their salvation doubts their position in God's family. God does not want us to doubt. He wants us to know we are His children and that he will deal with us as a Father by chastising and teaching us to live righteously before Him.

IV. We Have A New _____

A. A person _____ Christ will face the Great White throne Judgment (Rev. 20:11–13).

- A person that does not die in Christ already possessing eternal life is dead in their sins. At the Great White throne Judgment death will deliver up all of those that are in it. These are those that did not have eternal life, but are abiding in death.

B. A person _____ Christ will face the Judgment Seat of Christ (I Cor. 3:11–15).

- All people at this judgment have eternal life. Death could not hold them because they had victory over death in Christ (1

Cor. 15:51–58). This judgment is a judgment based upon what we have done in our bodies for Christ before we died physically, whether it was useful or useless for the cause of Christ. Our sin will not be brought into judgment because it has already been judged on the cross of Calvary in Christ. However, what will be brought into judgment is how we allowed Christ to use us. A person that is only concerned about themselves and their place in eternity will not fare well at this judgment. They will suffer much loss and shame. We have to be concerned about souls around us if we want to be bold at the Judgment Seat of Christ (I John 4:17)

V. We Have A New _____ (Titus 2:13–14)

- A. We have been freed from the _____ of our sin through Christ's record (II Cor. 5:21).
- B. We have been freed from the _____ of sin through Christ's resurrection (Rom. 6:6–11).
- C. We will be freed from the _____ of sin through Christ's return (Phil. 3:20–21).

Knowing that we have eternal life is in no way giving a Christian license to sin; in fact it does the opposite in giving the believer the power to live holy and righteously before God. Do you have a confidence that you are a child of God? If you are not confident God cannot use you to bring confidence to others. Knowing you are saved forever will have a tremendous impact on the way God uses you.