We Have Eternal Life in Jesus Christ

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"And this is the record, that <u>God has given to us Eternal Life</u>, and this Life is <u>in His Son</u> (<u>Jesus</u>). He who has the Son <u>has Life</u>; and he who does not have the Son of God <u>does not have Life</u>. These things have I written unto <u>you who believe on the Name of the Son of God</u>; so that you may know that **you have Eternal Life**, and that you may <u>believe</u> on the Name of the Son of God." (I John 5:11-13)

"For when you were the slaves of sin, you were free from righteousness. What fruit did you have then in those things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now being made <u>free from sin</u>, and having become <u>slaves to God</u>, you have your fruit unto <u>holiness</u>, and **the end-result**: <u>Eternal Life</u>. For <u>the wages of sin is death</u>; but <u>the gift of God is</u> <u>Eternal Life in Jesus Christ our Lord</u>." (Romans 6:20-23)

Eternal Life: from the Greek words **zoe aionios** which mean: life eternal, life everlasting, or eternal life; in context: perpetual life from the moment a person is born-again in Christ Jesus, and onward perpetually forever. Eternal Life does not end with physical life; but continues onward through and beyond our own resurrection! Thus Jesus also says this of Himself:

"I am the Resurrection, and the Life; he who believes upon Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live (i.e. eternally)! And whoever lives and believes on Me shall never die. 'Do you believe this?' She (Martha) said unto Him, 'Yes, Lord: I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who should come into the world." (John 11:25-27)

In Christ Jesus: from the Greek words <u>en Christo Iesou</u> which mean: <u>in Christ Jesus</u>; in context God the Father has given Eternal Life to those who have believed on the Name of His Son Jesus; through whom believers are now <u>in Christ Jesus</u>, and <u>He in us by His Holy Spirit</u>; as He Himself said:

"If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He shall give you another **Comforter**, so that He may abide with you **forever**: **the Spirit of Truth**; whom the world cannot receive, because it sees Him not, nor knows Him: but you know Him; for **He dwells with you**, and shall be **in you**." (John 14:15-17)

Our Lord: from the Greek words <u>to Kyrio hemon</u> which mean: <u>the Lord of us</u>; or simply <u>our Lord</u>. the root word *Kurios* means: <u>Lord</u> or Master; in context: the sense is of believers surrendering their lives as "slaves to God" and to the **Lord** Jesus, in eternal submission and obedience to the will and commandments of the <u>Lord Jesus</u>. Please consider the following:

"Though He (Jesus) was a Son, yet <u>He learned obedience</u> from <u>the things which He suffered</u>; and being <u>made perfect</u>, **He** became the <u>Author of Eternal Salvation</u> unto <u>all those who</u> <u>obey Him</u>." (Hebrews 5:8-9)

The promise of Eternal Life in Christ Jesus was prophetically foretold by God through the Prophet Daniel as follows:

"And at that time shall Michael (an archangel) stand up, the great prince who stands for the children of your people: and there shall be a time of trouble (the Great Tribulation), such <u>as never was since</u> there was a nation even to that same time; and at that time your people shall be delivered, <u>everyone who shall be found written in the Book (of Life)</u>. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth (the dead) shall awake, <u>some unto Eternal Life</u>, and some <u>to shame and eternal contempt</u>. And those who were wise <u>shall shine as the brightness of the firmament</u>; and those who turn many to righteousness as the stars <u>forever and ever</u>." (<u>Daniel 12:1-3</u>)

This dual truth: that some people shall receive Eternal Life; and others shall receive shame and eternal contempt was often confirmed by Jesus Himself as follows:

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so the **Son of Man** (**Jesus**) must be lifted up; so that whoever believes in **Him** should not perish, but **have Eternal Life**. For God so loved the world, that He gave **His** Only Begotten Son, so that whoever believes in **Him** should not perish, but **have Eternal Life**. For God did not send **His Son** into the world to condemn the world; but that the world **through Him might be saved**. He who believes **on Him** is not condemned; but he who does not believe **is condemned already**, because he has **not believed** in **the Name** of the **only begotten Son of God**. And this is the condemnation, that **Light has come into the world**, and men loved darkness rather than Light, because their deeds were evil. For every one who does evil **hates** the Light, nor comes to the Light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he who does truth **comes to the Light**, so that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God." (John 3:14-21)

"The Father loves the Son, and has given <u>all things into His hand</u>. He who believes on the Son (Jesus) <u>has Eternal Life</u>; and <u>he who does not believe the Son shall not see Life</u>; but <u>the wrath of God abides on him." (John 3:35-36)</u>

"For the Father <u>loves the Son</u>, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, so that you may marvel. For as the Father raises up the dead, <u>and makes-alive them</u>; even so the Son (Jesus) <u>makes-alive</u> whom He will. For the Father judges no man, but has committed <u>all judgment unto the Son</u>; so that all men should honor <u>the Son</u>, even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor not the <u>Son does not honor the Father who has sent Him</u>. <u>Truly, truly</u>, I say unto you, 'He who hears <u>My word</u>, and believes on <u>Him (the Father)</u> who sent Me, has <u>Eternal Life</u>, and shall not come into condemnation; <u>but has passed from death unto Life</u>.' <u>Truly, truly</u>, I say unto you, 'The hour is coming, and now is, when <u>the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God</u>; and <u>those who hear shall live</u>. For as the Father has <u>Life in Himself</u>; so has <u>He given to the Son to have Life in Himself</u>; And has given <u>Him</u> authority <u>to execute judgment also</u>, because <u>He is the Son of Man.'</u> " (John 5:20-27)

"Then the Jews came round about **Him (Jesus)**, and said unto Him, 'How long do You make us to doubt? If You are **the Christ**, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered them, 'I told you, and you did not believe. The works that I do in My Father's Name, they bear witness of Me. But you did not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said unto you. **My sheep hear My voice**, and I know them, and **they follow Me**; and **I give unto them Eternal Life**; and **they shall never perish**, nor shall any man pluck them out of My hand." (John 10:24-28)

"When the <u>Son of Man</u> shall come in His glory, and <u>all the holy angels with Him</u>, then <u>He</u> shall sit upon the <u>Throne of His Glory</u>; and <u>before Him</u> shall be gathered <u>all nations</u>; and <u>He</u> shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats; and <u>He</u> shall set the sheep <u>on His right hand</u>, but the goats <u>on the left</u>. Then shall the <u>King</u> (<u>Jesus</u>) say unto those (sheep) on His right hand, 'Come, you <u>blessed of My Father</u>, <u>inherit the Kingdom</u> prepared for you from the foundation of the world.' ... Then <u>He</u> shall say also unto those (goats) on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, <u>you cursed</u>, <u>into eternal fire</u>, prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry, and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty, and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger, and you took Me not in; naked, and you clothed Me not; sick, and in prison, and you visited Me not.' Then shall they (the goats) also answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see we You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto You?' Then <u>He</u> shall answer them, saying, 'Truly I say unto you, Inasmuch as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' And these shall go away <u>into eternal punishment</u>; but <u>the righteous into Life Eternal</u>." (<u>Matthew 25:31-34, ... 41-46</u>)

Jesus strongly emphasized the necessity of believing on Jesus: as being the only One sent by the Father to be the only source of Eternal Life! Please consider the following:

Jesus said, "'Do not Labor for the food which perishes, but for that food which endures unto Eternal Life, which the Son of Man (Jesus) shall give unto you; for Him God the Father Has sealed (a sign of authority and authentication).' Then they said unto him, 'What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?' Jesus answered and said unto them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe on Him whom He has sent.' They said therefore unto Him, 'What sign do You show then, that we may see, and believe You? What work do You do? Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'(Psalm 78:24) Then Jesus said unto them, 'Truly, truly, I say unto you, Moses did not give you that bread (manna) from Heaven; but My Father gives you the True Bread from heaven. For the Bread of God is He (Jesus) who comes down from Heaven, and gives Life unto the world.' Then said they unto Him, 'Lord, always give us this Bread.' And Jesus said unto them, 'I am the Bread of Life; he who comes to Me shall never hunger; and he who believes on Me shall never thirst.' " (John 6:27-35)

"All whom the Father gives Me shall come to Me; and he who comes to Me I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from Heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. And this is the Father's will who has sent Me: that of all whom He has given Me I should lose none, but should raise them up again at the Last Day. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that every one who sees (or beholds) the Son, and believes on Him, may have Eternal Life: and I will raise him up at the Last Day. ... Truly, truly, I say unto you, He who believes on Me has Everlasting Life."" (John 6:37-40, 47)

Finally, consider this exhortation from the apostle Paul:

"Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep (die), but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the Last Trumpet; for that Trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible (body) must put on incorruption, and this mortal (body) must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal (body) shall have put on immortality, then shall it be brought to pass the saying that is written, 'Death is swallowed up in victory.' (Isaiah 25:8) 'O death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory?' (Hosea 13:14) The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be you steadfast, un-moveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." (I Corinthians 15:51-58)

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Jesus was lifted up so that believers in Him should not perish, but have Eternal Life!

Jesus is Author of Eternal Salvation unto all those who obey Him!

Truly, truly our names are all written in the Book of Life!

And we shall put on immortality in His Kingdom!

Thank You Jesus for being lifted up on the Cross for our Eternal Salvation!!

Thank You Father for sending your Son so that we might be delivered from Eternal Fire!!

Thank You Holy Spirit of Truth for being with us and in us Forever!!

All Praise and Honor and Glory to You now and Forever and Ever !!!