

Eternal Life: The Greatest Gift

In the next several Artios Letters, we shall be talking about Christian sonship and the Renewed Mind.

(Rom 10:9 KJV) That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

When the man of body and soul confessed the Savior from sin as instructed in Romans 10:9, that man is reborn and has a connection with God. God can only talk to that which He is. The spirit that is born within him is seed. The seed began with Jesus Christ and continued with us. Had no seed been left mankind, humanity would forever toil in satan's painful ways.

(Rom 9:29 KJV) And as Esaias said before, Except the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed, we had been as Sodoma, and been



made like unto Gomorrah.

I don't need to describe that folly. Imagine your mind, body and soul forever traumatized and obedient to such a nature. And I didn't even mention Adam's pain once cast from the garden. Adam had spirit upon a condition. Now, ours is unconditional. This is why, outside of His Word, the new birth is the greatest thing that God has ever done. With God's seed, a baby can be born. That entire baby, all that it will ever be, is in that little package. The new birth follows suit. All the potential that God in Christ is in you is now in you—what a tremendous truth. You're the package,

but they're the gift. Justification, sanctification, righteousness, and God's other fantastic characteristics are now in you. Seed provided the eternal means to become one with God.

Christianity is not a religion

Man is basically God-hungry and he reasons religion into being, but no religion will satisfy spiritual hunger.

(Psa 34:10 KJV) The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing.

If a man is found wanting, he is hungry. The senses, the mind, reason, should be servants of the real man; man should never serve religion—he will starve.

(Lam 4:9 KJV) They that be slain with the sword are better than they that be slain with

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hunger: for these pine away, stricken through for want of the fruits of the field.

These lost souls tolerate pain that you can't imagine. Unquenched hunger for God will make a man pine away just like he would without real food. Man needs to eat from the hand of God.

(Mat 5:6 KJV) Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

How is a man filled? By the Word of God.

(Luke 4:4 KJV) And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

In God's eyes, a real man is a spirit-filled man. Christianity is not a religion. It makes no matter that Christianity is flooded with religion. You can compare Christian beliefs with religious beliefs, but Christianity is not a religion. It is what God wrought in Christ Jesus; it is the way of the Father with His family. He fathered us;

we are born again of His seed.

Apologetics

Religion schools have in them courses called apologetics. Even though apologetics is touted as wonderful and all things good, it's purpose is to teach you how to apologize for being a Christian. Can you imagine? Filled with all the power of God, and you are taught to apologize? Apologetics is where you build Christianity against other religions. Listen well. That is not man's responsibility. God defends Himself quite well. You only ever need apologize for error.

Only Jesus Christ was raised from the dead and seated at God's right hand. No man that ever started a religion is still alive after dying. You will see later that we have absolute proof of the resurrection. There is absolutely no need to apologize for Christianity. Apologize for religion all you want, but not for God's way with his family.

Eternal Life

The natural man, a man prior to the new birth of body, soul, mind, memory, will, conscious, and heart ... doesn't have the gift of holy spirit. This beautiful gift provides him with eternal life.

(John 3:36 KJV) He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

Man can easily forego God's wrath by becoming born again. We have eternal life if we believe on the son of God. Is eternal life in the body and soul area? Not at all. Eternal life is part of the incorruptible seed. The body, mind, intellect, will, memory, conscious and heart will perish, but the spirit never will.

Changed

The spiritual man will ascend to heaven with Jesus Christ. His body will be changed.

(1 Th 4:17 KJV) Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught

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up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

What is this marvel that most certainly will take place?

(1 Cor 15:51-52 KJV) Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, {52} In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

If you died tonight, what would happen? Your body would return to dust.

(Gen 3:19 KJV) In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

The spirit would return to God.

(Eccl 12:7 KJV) Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return

unto God who gave it.

Everything must go back to its original form.

Thank God for eternal life.

(John 10:27-28 KJV) My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: {28} And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

I'm assuming that you've been taught a host of conflicting doctrines along these lines. I'm sorry for your pain. If you accept the Word of God, you will stop hungering in this area. We have eternal life if we believe on the son of God. Who gave it to you? God through Christ. The new birth is not by works. A person him/her-self must believe. Jesus said that his sheep hear his voice. Never have I seen a sheep-person that would not hear and believe. I have seen other types that refuse to believe. Jesus' voice will cause a sheep to bubble all over just like what happened with the Psalmist.

(Psa 45:1 KJV) ... My

heart is inditing [gushing all over] a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

We are promised eternal life.

(1 John 2:25 KJV) And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.

Eternal life was made possible by the works of Jesus Christ.

(1 John 5:11-12 KJV) And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. {12} He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

We have eternal life. This is God's Word. If you don't have the son, you don't have eternal life. Everybody is not heaven bound, even though most Christian religions teach that they are. There are not many ways to heaven; there is only one. If you have Christ, you have life, and if you don't have Christ, you don't have life. Man has the right to deny Christ. Man

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has come and gone, but the Word has been around since the beginning. Each must choose. Eternal life is the greatest gift that God has given to any man at any place at any time.

Much Love in Christ!

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