



The People's Forever

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1 JOHN 5:12

What does God want us to know about eternal life? For a Christian, the good news of Christ's resurrection proclaims that death does not speak the final word over us. Following his resurrection, Jesus showed us life after death. The witness of his life promises more life, victory, and peace for those who place their life in His.



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“We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.”

2 CORINTHIANS 5:8

Paul’s declaration confronts humanity’s greatest fear: death.

“I am in a profession that has succeeded because of its ability to fix. If your problem is fixable, we know just what to do. But if it’s not? The fact that we have had no adequate answers to this question is troubling and has caused callousness, inhumanity, and extraordinary suffering.” – Atul Gawande, in “Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End”

Death has become an enemy to be defeated, a failure to be prevented, rather than an expected stage of life that every single one of us will eventually experience.

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Following his resurrection, Jesus showed us life after death. The witness of his life promises more life, more victory, and more peace for those who place their life in His.

“The Word of life. This one who is life itself was revealed to us, and we have seen him. And now we testify and proclaim to you that he is the one who is eternal life.”

1 JOHN 1:1-2

There are three pathways for how we can know with confidence that Jesus is eternal life.

FIRST PATH:

“And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments.”

1 JOHN 2:3

“Love God and love others as yourself.”

(Matthew 22:35-40; Mark 12:28-34; Luke 10:27)

“We love each other because he loved us first.”

1 JOHN 4:19

Keeping Jesus’ greatest commandments demonstrates a life changed by God’s first love toward you.



“If someone claims, “I know God,” but doesn’t obey God’s commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. But those who obey God’s word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him.”

1 JOHN 2:4-5

Ginosko – Greek term for how we gain knowledge through practice and experience.

Obeying Jesus’ commandments deepens our knowledge of God.

“Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.”

MATTHEW 11:28-30

“Taste and see that the LORD is good.”

PSALM 34:8

SECOND PATH:

“See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don’t recognize that we are God’s children because they don’t know him.”

1 JOHN 3:1

“Dear friends, we are already God’s children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears.”

1 JOHN 3:1-2a

“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.”

1 CORINTHIANS 2:9

“But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is.”

1 JOHN 3:2

Oida – Greek term for how we gain knowledge through perception and relationship.

“And the Lord - who is the Spirit - makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.”

2 CORINTHIANS 3:18

How do we grow in our relational knowledge of Jesus?



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Daily...

- 5 minutes of Bible reading
- 5 minutes of prayer
- 5 minutes of journaling

Our confident hope in God and his promise of eternal life can suffer when we fall short with God and one another.

“Even if we feel guilty, God is greater than our feelings, and he knows everything.”

1 JOHN 3:20

“Through Christ, God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth... Everything was created through him and for him. He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.”

COLOSSIANS 1:16-17

“O Lord, you have examined my heart
and know everything about me.
You know when I sit down or stand up.
You know my thoughts even when I’m far away.
You see me when I travel and when I rest at home.
You know everything I do.
You know what I am going to say
even before I say it, Lord.
You go before me and follow me.
You place your hand of blessing on my head.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too great for me to understand!”

PSALM 139:1-6

**God knows you – your joys and your broken places.
Do you know Jesus? Are you confident in your eternal future?**

THIRD PATH:

“All who believe in the Son of God know in their hearts that this testimony is true.”

1 JOHN 5:10

Eko – the Greek term for how we gain knowledge through intuition and instinct.

This is like built-in hardware knowledge — the feeling that you know something simply because you know it.



“God has planted eternity in the human heart.”

ECCLESIASTES 3:11

As our knowledge of God’s love for us grows, then our love for God grows in return, creating fellowship and togetherness, and not just between you and God, but between us.

Do you know without any doubt that on the other side of your death is life?

Jesus isn’t wishful thinking. Jesus is life.

“Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God’s Son does not have life.”

1 JOHN 5:12

In Christ, death does not pronounce the final word over you. Life does. Love does. The Son does!

Do you have the Son? **Choose Him today.**

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