



What Must I DO to INHERIT...?

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The Gift and the Promise of **ETERNAL LIFE**

A rich young man and a lawyer both asked Jesus the same question: "...what shall I do to inherit eternal life" (MARK 10:17; LUKE 18:18 & LUKE 10:25). Sadly, neither one heeded his answer.

Man does not want to die. He avoids the subject and shrouds death in formalisms, rituals and mysticism. However, "...IT IS appointed unto men once to die, but **AF-TER THIS** the judgment" (HEBREWS 9:27).

God, our Creator has provided **ETERNAL LIFE** for as many who put their trust in Him.

The Son of God said that "...**WHOSOEVER** believeth in him [JESUS] should not perish, but **HAVE** eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that **WHOSOEVER** believeth in him should not perish, but **HAVE** everlasting life" (JOHN 3:15-16).



None of us can know or even comprehend what eternity will be like, but we do know that God is eternal, and we are created in His image.

When the people rejected Jesus, he asked "...the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, **to whom shall we go? thou hast THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE.** And we **BELIEVE** and **ARE SURE** that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God" (JOHN 6:66-69).

If **YOU** are as **SURE** as Peter that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the **LIVING** God, and that he has the **WORDS** of Eternal Life, then **YOU** will dwell with Him for eternity.

Faith in God is the **KEY** to life everlasting. Jesus said, "...the words that I speak unto you, they are **SPIRIT**, and they are **LIFE**" (JOHN 6:63); "...He that believeth on me **HATH [RIGHT NOW] everlasting life**" (JOHN 6:47); "**And this is the PROMISE that he hath PROMISED us, even eternal life**" (1 JOHN 2:25).

Eternal life is a **GIFT**: "**My sheep HEAR my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I GIVE** unto them eternal life" (JOHN 10:27-30).

A **GIFT** cannot be earned, else it ceases to be a **GIFT**. The message is **COME**: "...the Spirit and the bride say, **COME**. And let him that heareth say, **COME**. And let him that is athirst **COME**. And whosoever will, let him take the **WATER OF LIFE** freely" (REV. 22:17).

"Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the WORDS of ETERNAL LIFE."

What we **MUST DO** to inherit Eternal Life

In the book of Daniel, God said, "...many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to **EVERLASTING LIFE**, and some to **SHAME AND EVERLASTING CONTEMPT**" (DANIEL 12:2).

Mankind is given **TWO** choices in this life: to believe God, or to believe anything else. Everyone must choose **ONE** before their death.

The people asked Jesus, "...What shall we do, that we might work the **WORKS [PLURAL]** of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the **WORK [SINGULAR]** of God, that ye **BELIEVE ON HIM** whom he hath sent" (JOHN 6:28-29).

There is only **ONE SIN** that will cause a man or a woman to be condemned to the Lake of Fire: **THE SIN OF UNBELIEF**.

In John 3:18, Jesus said, "**He that believeth on him is NOT** condemned: but he that believeth not is **CONDEMED ALREADY [WHY?]**, because he **HATH NOT BELIEVED** in the name of the only begotten Son of God." Unless you **BELIEVE** that Jesus is the Christ, "...ye shall die in your sins."

WHO WILL NOT INHERIT

"Know ye not that the **UNRIGHTEOUS** shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God" (1 COR. 6:9-10).

"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and **such like**: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that **they which DO such things** shall not inherit the kingdom of God" (GALATIANS 5:19-21).

Do **YOU** habitually do such things? Let's be truthful: we **ALL** have to some degree, "**for there is not A JUST MAN upon earth, that DOETH GOOD, and SINNETH NOT**" (ECCLES. 7:20). In other words, we are **ALL GUILTY!**

WHAT WE MUST DO...

We must believe the Word of God when we hear it, or read it, because they are living words of truth (JOHN 6:63).

We must **HUMBLE OURSELVES** "**as little children**" (MATTHEW 18:3), and admit to God that we do "...come short of the glory of God" (ROMANS 3:23).

Knowing that "**the wages of sin is [ETERNAL] death**" (ROMANS 6:23), we should bow our head before God, and say, "**God be merciful to me a sinner**" (LUKE 18:13), and when we do, immediately, God will give us **THE GIFT** of eternal life (ROMANS 6:23).

"**He that BELIEVETH on the Son of God hath the witness [THE HOLY SPIRIT] in himself: he that BELIEVETH NOT** God hath made him **A LIAR [WHY?]**; because he **BELIEVETH NOT the RECORD that God gave of his Son**" (1 JOHN 5:10).

