

What the Bible Actually Says
“Man and Eternal Life”

How Is Eternal Life Obtained?

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This presentation is one of a series about *Man and Eternal Life*.
What the Bible Actually Says about the title question will be presented in this one.
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Introduction

Salvation comes by the grace of God,
you cannot work your way into Heaven.

But it is important to know that
you will not obtain eternal life without works.

Eternal life is a goal which is to become like Christ. Obtaining eternal life is a process through which an individual learns and grows over time to become like Christ via a sanctification process guided by the Holy Spirit.

Salvation is not just about finding Christ.
Salvation is about becoming like Christ.

WTBAS: How is eternal life obtained?

We must repent and be baptized

- We have sinned (all men sin)

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: (Rom 5:12)

- We must repent and be baptized

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. (Acts 2:38)

- We must be baptized (born again)

John 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. 8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. (John 3:5-8)

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We are saved by grace, through faith, unto good works

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. (Eph 2:8-10)

- Saved by grace

- We cannot save ourselves
- This is God's plan which he has provided for us

- Faith is shown via works; there is no faith without works

Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? (Jas 2:18-20)

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We must be sanctified by the Spirit

- We are chosen to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit

But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Thess 13-14)

- We must be obedient

To the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied. (1 Pet 1:1-2)

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We must work out our own salvation

Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. (Phil 2:12-13)

- Don't turn away

For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. (Heb 6:4-6)

- Endure to the end

And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. (Mat 24:11-13)

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We will be judged by our works

- Christ will reward us according to our works

For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works. (Mat 16:27)

- We will receive eternal life or not according to our works

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. (Rev 20:12)

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Conclusion

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- We are saved by grace, through faith, unto good works
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- We must work out our own salvation
- We will be judged by our works

We must work our way through the process of salvation by faith to learn to be an eternal life like Christ.