

Good News – Eternal Life to all who believe

Matt. 19:16ff.; John 4:1-42

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Introduction

Life in Scripture is about living with God and within His design parameters. Life consists of Loving God for who He is and learning to live as He did.

Consider the following OT passages – Deut. 4:1; 30:15-20; Jer. 17:13; Zech. 14:8. Our God is the Living God – Deut. 5:26; Psalm 42:2; Jer. 10:10.

Consider the following NT passages – John 1:3-4; 3:16, 36; 5:26; 6:35, 40, 48, 54; 10:10, 28; 11:25-26; 12:49-50; 17:3; 20:31; 1 John 3:14-15; 5:11-12, 20

Metaphors for eternal life in the Gospel of John include –

- Living water, John 4:14
- Living bread, John 6:25ff.

The book of Revelation speaks of living and life as follows –

- Living creatures, Rev. 4:6-9
- Living waters, Rev. 7:17
- Book of life, Rev. 3:5
- Crown of life, Rev. 2:10
- River of life, Rev. 22:10
- Water of life, Rev. 22:17

Eternal Life as a gift – by believing in Jesus, John 6:47; 1 Tim. 1:16

Eternal Life as a reward – by living sacrificially for Jesus, Gal. 6:8

Illustration of **Eternal Life as a gift** – an offer to the world who haven't believed in Jesus – John 4:1-42

Conclusion – read vv. 39-42

Illustration of **Eternal Life as a reward** – an offer to faithful believers who haven't understood the significance of His life, Matt. 19:16ff. cp. Luke 12:15
Prov. 21:21; 22:4; 1 Tim. 6:12, 14, 19

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In John 4, the woman believed and so this many of the Samaritans, they received life. In Matt. 19:27-30, Peter and the disciples would be rewarded for their willingness to be last in this life. They would be first in the Life to come. As they lived out their lives, they understood the cost – listen to Peter's Words, 2 Peter 1:3-11.