

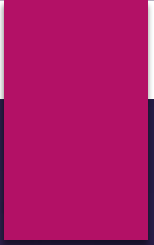
Life Everlasting!

IT BEGINS EVEN NOW!





Brief review:
“resurrection of the body”



ALL will rise to an
everlasting, physical
existence...

Daniel 12:2

EVERLASTING LIFE!



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EVERLASTING SHAME AND CONTEMPT



HOW CAN YOU BE CERTAIN?

John 3:16

Romans 6:22-23

2 Timothy 2:11

1 John 5:11-13

etc, etc...

The Tree of Life

- ▶ *“The tree of life was in the midst of the garden”
(Genesis 2:11)*
- ▶ *“Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever. . .”
(Genesis 3:22)*
- ▶ *“To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God”
(Revelation 2:7)*
- ▶ *“Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life”
(Revelation 22:14)*



The Tree of Life is the Cross of Jesus!

- ▶ *“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree” (Galatians 3:13)*
- ▶ *“He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed” (1 Peter 2:24)*
- ▶ *Historic Liturgy: “Who on the tree of the Cross didst give salvation unto mankind; that whence death arose, thence Life also might rise again: and that he who by a tree once overcame, might likewise by a tree be overcome”*



Jesus gives us everlasting life!

“These things are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.” (John 20:31)

What is Jesus promising here?

John 3:16 -

John 10:10 -

John 11:25 -



What happens to believers after death?



- ▶ **Their living spirit/soul leaves their dead body.**

*At His death Jesus said: "Father, into Your hands I commit my **spirit**" (Luke 23:46)*

"While we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord... we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:6-7)

- ▶ **Their living spirit/soul goes immediately to be with Jesus in **paradise**.**

Jesus said: "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in paradise" (Luke 23:43)

"He is not God of the dead, but of the living" (Mark 12:27)

- ▶ **On the last day their living spirit/soul is joined to their glorified body and they spend eternity in the blissful presence of the Lord in **heaven**.**

*"The dead in Christ will rise... and so we will always be with the Lord"
(1 Thessalonians. 4:16-17)*

Let's talk about Life Everlasting.



- ▶ What is the Christian “hope” for life even after death?
- ▶ How is this different from reincarnation?
- ▶ Is there ever a time when you will cease to exist?
- ▶ In what respect might we consider ourselves to be enjoying everlasting life even now?
- ▶ What has Jesus done to give you everlasting life?