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How Important is Enteral Life To You

There is one true fact in life that cannot be disputed, every human being is going to face death, and there is no escape from it.

If God truly exists and His words are truth; and during your life, you take no time to study the words of God, to gain wisdom and clarity in the matter of life, morality and spirit, is it worth the risk to lose the option of being resurrected, given a new ageless body, and possessing eternal life?

Are you aware of one of the greatest truths revealed in the Bible? Did you know it is possible for you to know right here and now, with absolute certainty, that the moment your physical body dies, you can enjoy the presence of God and have an opportunity to dwell within His kingdom for eternity?

God has clearly stated that salvation can be secured by your faithfulness in Him and by believing and trusting in His son, the Christ.

So it gets down to whether you accept this as truth or reject it, its entirely your choice.

The apostle John, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit revealed this wonderful truth as the purpose for one of his letters, "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."

(1 John 5:13) Anyone who repents from trusting in things that cannot save them (Hebrews 6:1) and puts their trust in the Son of God will never face judgment from God over immoral acts (the sins you committed during your life-time).

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Jesus once said, "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes in Him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned, he has crossed over from death to life" (John 5:24).

All believers have a special relationship with God. To all who have received His Son, "to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God --- children not born of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, **but born of God.**" (John 1:12, 13).

The relationship God the Father has with His children is an eternal relationship (John 8:35). It is permanent. Nothing will ever separate His children from His love (Romans 8:35-39).

Our heavenly Father will judge the acts of His children (Hebrews 12:10-11), but He will never condemn them.

In a way it is similar to the unchanging relationship we have with our earthly parents. Nothing we could ever do will change who our parents are.

Most people go through life thinking and hoping they will go to heaven when they die. They hope, after living a good enough life, they will receive favor from God and a place in His Kingdom.

Some people believe they receive salvation through water baptism, but they can lose it in an instant by disrespecting God's laws and committing an immoral sin.

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Those who depend on their personal righteousness by performing good works or adhering to a religious system believe they will be assured of salvation.

The truth is however, they can never know if they have done enough to earn eternal life.

Even the most righteous of people, at sometimes during their life, will have committed an act of (immorality) a sin in the eyes of God.

It seems absurd to put your faith in what you can do instead of what God has stated. Those who believe God's word know that "salvation by grace" means to trust solely in the source of grace --- in the Son of God.

When salvation depends on God there is no chance for failure. A wonderful acronym for G-R-A-C-E is **God's Riches at Christ's Expense**. Whenever mankind involves himself in attaining and preserving salvation, there can be no assurance.

We have assurance through the God the Father. Some believe it is possible to walk away from God or renounce your faith and lose your salvation? Jesus said no one has the power to do so. "**I give them eternal life**, and they shall never perish . . . My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand" (John 10:28-29). God has bestowed upon his Son the power to assure the life He gives is everlasting, not temporal or perishable. **We have that assurance through Jesus Christ.**

Christians are often accused of being self-righteous and boastful because they know for sure they are going to heaven.

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The accusers fail to understand it is not what man does for God that qualifies him for heaven, but what God has done for man.

God made His holy and perfect Son become sin for us, so we could become the righteousness of God in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:21).

"We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all...by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy" (Hebrews 10:10,14).

Once again you have the choice to accept this as truth or reject it.

Many skeptics refuse to believe that a repentant sinner can simply believe the Words of God and be assured of eternal life? Yet the Apostle Paul could not make it any more clear, "You also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation, having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance (Ephesians 1:13-14).

The moment anyone understands and believes in the words of God, they are sealed and indwelt by the Holy Spirit, who guarantees they will be co-heirs with Christ (Romans 8:17).

We have assurance through God's promises. The gift of salvation is secured forever by the faithfulness of God. He promises never to take back the gifts He has given. "God's gifts and His call are irrevocable" (Romans 11:29). His "promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed" to those who have the faith (Romans 4:16).

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"And if by grace, then it is no longer by works, if it were, grace would no longer be grace" (Romans 11:6).

The apostle Paul is making it crystal clear that salvation can only be assured when a repentant sinner receives it as a gift of God's grace. Anyone who believes that salvation can be earned nullifies God's grace. Whenever man is involved in attaining and preserving his salvation, there can be no assurance.

This may be your first exposure to the great biblical truth of eternal security. If you want to be certain of your salvation, than put aside any teaching, experience or feeling that opposes the Words of God.

You can never have the subjective feeling of assurance until you comprehend and believe the objective truth of God's words. Once you do, you will be more certain of living eternally in heaven than one more day on earth.

Some people who mechanically live out their "faith" because they've been advised it's the thing to do. People who follow religious leaders and rituals blindly are too proud to admit their lives are empty...too embittered by deceit to receive an invitation to the Truth.

Consider these questions:

Do you know why you believe what you do? Or have you blindly inherited someone else's perceived "truth"?

Does your religion bring meaning to your life or is it more like a ritual that you practice?

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Does your religion determine your identity, or does your identity determine your religion?

Is your faith so “personal” that you dare not speak of it to others? Or is the Christian faith so rich and meaningful that you crave the opportunity to tell others about it?

Do you know that what you believe in is Truth, or do you just accept what you’re taught without question?

Every person has the individual right to accept God’s truth or reject it. This is unquestionable one of the most important decisions that you will make in your life. ---- Make it wisely.

Biblical scriptures states that: “Pride goes before a fall” (Proverbs 16:18). How grievous for countless millions that the fall is into the pit of everlasting torment.

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May the grace of God be with you always --- Amen.

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