

A Reference Guide about:

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eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 6:23

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John 1:12-13; 3:14-18, 36; 5:37-40; 6:40, 47-58, 67-69; 8:24;
11:17-27; 17:2-3; 20:29-31
Acts 4:10-12; 16:25-34
Romans 10:8-13
1 Timothy 1:15
1 John 5:11-13
1 Peter 3:18

Eternal life (redemption) is guaranteed by the holy Spirit received at baptism:

Acts 2:32-33, 38
2 Corinthians 1:21-22
Ephesians 1:3-14; 4:30

Eternal life (life in God’s Kingdom) is promised at conversion, but fulfilled at resurrection for those “in Christ”:

Romans 5:17-21; 6:3-10, 23; 8:1-23
1 Corinthians 15:20-24, 50-57
Ephesians 2:1-8
1 Thessalonians 4:14-17
Revelation 20:4-6

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Luke 24:13-15, 27, 30-31, 36-40
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<u>Changed from:</u>	<u>Changed to:</u>
Corrupt	Incorruptibility
Dishonor	Glory
Weak	Power
Natural	Spiritual

The eternal age begins with reigning with Christ on earth for a thousand years (Revelation 20:4-6), fulfilling the prophecies that the righteous will inherit the earth, and continues into the age of the “new heaven and new earth” (Revelation 21:1-22:5).

Psalm 2:6-8
Psalm 37:9, 11, 22, 29, 34
Isaiah 9:6-7; 65:17-25
Daniel 7:14, 27
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Revelation 5:10; 11:15

Conditions during eternal age:

Matthew 19:28-30
Luke 20:34-38
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Scripture contrasts [eternal] life with death (non-life; not a different kind of life):

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Isaiah 38:1
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The wicked are raised for judgment (Revelation 20:11-15) and death (aka the lake of fire), not life. Various words besides “death” refer to the second [eternal] death.

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