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AS I SEE IT

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ETERNAL LIFE

Webster's Dictionary (1828) gives a definition of the word eternal. I quote: "Without end of existence or duration; everlasting; endless; immortal." With this in mind, let's read John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Now, if something is everlasting or eternal, it has no end of existence. It is endless! If everlasting has gaps in it, it would not be everlasting. It would be temporary, and there is a great deal of difference between something eternal and something temporary. If Jesus says that He gives everlasting life (and He does) then he either meant it or was confused or He lied. Was he confused? Let His Word answer. I Corinthians 14:33, "For God is not the author of confusion..." I take that literally, so Jesus certainly was not confused. Did He lie? Again, His Word states in Hebrews 6:18, "That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie..." I also take that literally. Since Jesus was neither confused or a liar, I am satisfied that He knew what He was talking about when He said that by believing we have everlasting life. Now, for anyone to believe otherwise would be to call God a liar. Jesus said in John 17:17, "Thy Word is truth."

Now, I have shown you His Word concerning everlasting life. I could show you a lot more verses, but I will not. That is not the purpose of this article. However, I do challenge you to show me one verse, that's right, just one verse that plainly states a person can lose everlasting life. Remember, it would not be everlasting if you could lose it. I know there are some who say, "The Greek word means _____." Why would someone run to the Greek if they cannot

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understand the English? I John 5:12, "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." There are 19 words in this verse and every single one has just one syllable. In other words, it is so simple to understand that a Greek scholar should take it at face value. I am not going into a lengthy discussion with this article. I know a person who has been saved cannot lose his salvation in the church age. I know that because God's Word says that. So, rather than compare various verses, I will just stick to my subject. I am neither Armenian or Calvinistic. Rather, I am a Bible believer. So, let us examine what the Bible has to say on the subject of eternal life. When I say the Bible, I mean the King James Version 1611.

King James has 9 letters. $1+6+1+1=9$. Galatians has 9 letters. Galatians is the 9th book in the New Testament. Chapter 5:22 (that is $5+2+2=9$) talks about the fruit of the Spirit: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." Now, there is only One Spirit, but He has 9 fruit in this passage. That sure is a lot of 9's, isn't it? Now some would say coincidence and that's alright with me. I am not here to argue, just to present. Nine is the number of responsibility or judgment. When the Holy Spirit deals with an unsaved person about their sin, He convicts them. That person has the responsibility to accept or deny Jesus Christ as Savior. That decision will determine his judgment. The Calvinist says only the elect can be saved. They are wrong again. Go back and read John 3:16 in the plain English, without running to the Greek, and see what it says about who can be saved. Doesn't it say, "Whosoever believeth?"

On the day of Pentecost in Acts 2:9-11, there were 17 nations present when Peter preached his sermon. That 17 nations made up the world as it was then. Count them. There were 17 present. When Peter preached his sermon, he was preaching to representatives of the known world. God was using Peter to show us the world could be saved. That is exactly what Jesus said in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world..."

Paul asks a question in Romans 8:35, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" In other words, if something could separate us; then God's love and our salvation would not be eternal. Separation would bring about some gaps and everlasting has no gaps. Amazingly, Paul goes on in Romans 8:35-39 to list 17 things that cannot separate us from the love of Christ. Therefore, we can conclude from Acts 2 when 17 nations were present to hear Peter's sermon that the whole world was in view when Jesus made His John 3:16 statement. Further, Paul lists 17 things that cannot separate us from the Christ who saved us. The last thing he mentioned covers everything not mentioned earlier, "nor any other creature." I also like verse 38: "Nor things present (that's now), nor things to come (that's tomorrow). Now, a normal person should conclude from the Word of God that anyone in the world can be saved; and when they are saved, they stay saved --- if eternal or everlasting means eternal or everlasting.

Let's not stop here. Turn in your Bible to John 21 and read verses 5-11. The story tells us about the disciples fishing without any luck. Jesus got involved and things changed. The disciples dropped their nets into the sea and caught 153 fishes (see verse 11). Now, when they caught that many, not one fish got out of the net ---NOT ONE! Verse 11 says the net was not broken. Something broken would have gaps. Something eternal or everlasting has no gaps. Let's do some simple math. If 17 nations were present to show us that anyone in the world could be saved, and Paul lists 17 things to show you that

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you stay saved, and 9 is the number of the Spirit (by which we are sealed unto the day of redemption (Ephesians 4:30, read it), then we can wrap this up. $9 \times 17 = 153!!!$ That's how many fish stayed in the net. No one was lost. Not one was temporarily lost and then put back into the net.

The Bible is a strange book. I believe what it says. I believe what Jesus said. Everlasting has no gaps. Once saved, always saved. I'm not counting on me to stay saved. I'm counting on Jesus to keep me saved (Hebrews 7:25). He's praying for me right now according to that verse; and if anyone can stop Him from praying, then and only then could I lose my salvation. However, I am satisfied no one can stop Him from praying for me.

I Corinthians 1:7-8, "So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ." Philipians 1:6, "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it UNTIL THE DAY OF JESUS CHRIST."

Therefore, I say "Thank you Jesus" for my salvation which is everlasting. Yes sir, that's the way I see it.

Until next month, God bless you and keep studying. Share this article with a friend so they can see what our students learn at Andersonville Theological Seminary.

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LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO ANDERSONVILLE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Dear President Hayes:

...I am currently serving as a pastor at Central Baptist Church in Ashland, Kentucky, and have been for the past seven and a half months...The knowledge and wisdom I received while earning my bachelor's degree has helped me tremendously to become a better pastor, preacher, teacher, and minister for the furtherance of God's Kingdom. It also prepared me for the mission God had planned for me here at Central Baptist. I have been blessed indeed since deciding to begin and complete the first phase of my spiritual education at Andersonville Theological Seminary.

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Sincerely and 'Til the Nets are Full,
Pastor Darrell L. Clark
Central Baptist Church

Announcements

- ❖ Current students should include name, address, and ss# or student number on each test. If you have a hyphenated name, please be sure to give the complete name on tests or when you call, write, fax, etc. We cannot find you if we do not have complete information.
- ❖ Transcripts may be requested at www.andersonvilleseminary.com by clicking on alumni on the bar at the top of the home page. Once the alumni page appears, you will see the transcript link. Print out the form and fax, mail, or email it in. The cost is \$20.00 for the first transcript and \$10.00 for any additional copies.
- ❖ Special church ceremonies, held for the purpose of displaying degrees, should not be planned until the student's degree has arrived. Most of the time, student's do not allow enough time and are disappointed when their degree does not arrive by the date of the ceremony. Degrees, once ordered, usually take 6 to 8 weeks for delivery.
- ❖ Use enough postage. Some student's are not putting enough postage on their work. The cost of getting your postage out of the post office is mounting up. The seminary is not responsible for picking up mail without proper postage.
- ❖ All students seeking to graduate by a certain date should turn in their work at least 30 days before degrees are ordered to give the grade department time to process his or her grades. The grade department handles grades for approximately 6,000 students.
- ❖ All degrees are now printed as Andersonville Theological Seminary.
- ❖ Office hours are from 9:00 until 4:00 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and from 9:00 until 12:00 on Friday. (The grade department is closed from 11:00 until 12:00 each day for lunch.) Please call for an appointment, if possible, when visiting. In the past, students have been disappointed when they stopped by on Friday afternoon and found our offices all locked up.



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ATTENTION STUDENTS!

This is your newsletter!

- If you have a story to share with the other students, please email it in to ccd@andersonvilleseminary.com. We will choose those that will be of the most interest to the student body and include them in the newsletter.
- If you know of a church looking for a pastor, associate pastor, youth minister, or counselor, please let us know. Please give a contact email or number for students to call or write.
- If you have been given a better opportunity to serve the Lord after completing your studies at Andersonville Theological Seminary, let us know. We want to encourage other students to continue.
- If you are a missionary or a counselor, let us know how the Lord is using your ministry.