

The Bishop's Corner

We Need Eternal Life

Praise the Lord Saints,

“Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So, when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (I Cor 15:51-57 KJV).

God is going to, “change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself.” (Phil 3:21 KJV) When Jesus comes back, God is going to exchange our vile bodies for new immortal bodies with the same power He used to raise Jesus from the dead; “And so shall we ever be with the Lord” (I Thes 3:17b KJV). Because things in this life are temporal, we need, first, to make sure we have eternal life in God, and then place our hope in God's eternal life.

At the time God saves us, before He works out anything else in our lives, He gives us eternal life first. It is then left up to us to work with the Holy Ghost so He can keep us until we obtain eternal life: “In whom ye also trusted, after ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory” (Eph 1:13-14 KJV).

Eternal life is the greatest gift God has given us. Christ is the first to be resurrected into immortality and to be given eternal life: “But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive” (I Cor 15:20-22 KJV).

When Jesus saved us, we became citizens of Heaven and because of that, God won't allow things to happen to us that we cannot bear. “There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it” (I Cor 10:13 KJV).

God bless you,

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