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ETERNAL LIFE

GOD is life [Jeremiah 10:10, John 1:4, 14:6, 1 Thessalonians 1:19]. There never was a time when God did not live. He has always existed and His life is called eternal life.

Eternal life has no beginning and has no end. The life of the believer is technically called EVERLASTING LIFE, which has no end but begins at the moment of salvation.

Eternal life applies to the Being of God- the essence of God. God's eternal life means that He has always existed and will always exist, there was never a time when God did not exist. He never had a beginning, no one preceded Him, and nothing caused God to come to existence.

Our difficulty in understanding the absolute infinity of God is because we are in time. Time is the invention of God for the convenience of His creatures. God is the cause and origin of time. God is not subject to time [Psalm 90:2, 102:27, 1 Cor. 2:7, Ephesians 1:4, 1 Timothy 1:17] God invented time so that He could manifest His eternal life to mankind.

We adjust to God by possessing His eternal life through faith in Christ. Man cannot live without time. Time is without substance yet is an object of God's creation. God is not in time but time is in God. God transcends all creation including time. To Him one day is a thousand years and a thousand years as one day [2 Peter 3:8b].

God is logical and therefore does not need to be chronological [Romans 12:2], but He can be chronological if He chooses. God always accomplishes in time what has to be done in time as part of His eternal plan.

Time is finite –it has succession and duration. Eternity is infinite – it has duration only. The infinite God has duration only.

Time is a line of procedure as far man's perspective is concerned but eternity is beyond man's perception, reaching into infinity.

The eternal life of God is imparted to all who believe in Christ as [John 3:16,18, 10:10, 14:6, 1 John 5:11-12]. Christ as the Creator is the source of all life [Hebrews 1:2]. God the Father is the Source of life from the standpoint that He breathes the life; The Holy Spirit is the Source of life as the agent of regeneration [Titus 3:5].

The Godhead are related to life in specific, different ways that never contradict each other and are totally compatible with the operation of the Godhead:

Jesus Christ is the Source of all Life from the standpoint of creation.

The Father is the Source of all Life from the standpoint of imputation of human life.

The Holy Spirit is the Source of life from the standpoint of regeneration.

Eternal life as an attribute of God describes His absolute existence outside the limits and boundaries of time.

Eternal life in relationship to man, is the everlasting relationship with God reserved in heaven for every person the moment they express faith in Christ. Eternal life is the life God when imputed to believers (everlasting life) is life designed for heaven for the world. It is life designed to continue living in the presence of God (in heaven) not in the world.

The eternal life of God has no beginning and has no end –it is infinitely and absolutely perfect when imputed to man remains perfect and infinite. Nothing can change, alter, revise or undone what God has created for the believer. To claim that our eternal life is not permanent is to say that God has cheated us with fake eternal life.

THE LIFE AND LOVE OF GOD

SINCE God is eternal therefore His life and love is also eternal, unchangeable, totally infinite and perfect.

The Divine self-love-directed toward the perfect righteousness among the members of the Trinity, is totally justified because of the perfect character of God. The self-love of God is infinitely perfect – nothing can alter or change it.

The Divine personal love –directed toward all believers because they possess the perfect righteousness of God is infinitely perfect –nothing can change or alter it.

The Divine impersonal love of God toward all mankind as sinners [unbelievers and believers alike] based on the perfect divine integrity rather than on the merits of men is infinitely perfect –nothing can change or alter it.

It is impossible for man to love another person forever because his emotion is not forever. Imperfect man does not possess the kind of love that God possesses.

The eternal life of God also refers to His absolute existence: GOD IS. He is the self-existing one. *YAHWEH* – the Great I Am [Exodus 3:14], who has neither beginning nor end [Psalm 90:2, 102:27].

The self-existing life of God means His existence is entirely self-contained and does not depend on anything external to Himself. The Hebrew word *RESIT*, translated to English as “beginning’ [Genesis 1:1] refers to the beginning of the work of creation and not to the beginning of God.

The Members of the Godhead existed eternally prior to creation since They had no beginning [John 1:1]. The Lord Jesus Christ was with the Father even before the creation of time and the entire creation.

Jesus Christ is the Alpha and Omega [Rev. 1:8]. Alpha refers to the eternal preexistence of Christ while Omega refers to Jesus Christ in hypostatic union during His First Advent. He is the eternal Son of God and as humanity, the Son of David, who will return as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords at His Second Advent and reign forever.

God is timeless. He does not think in terms of past, present, future, short or long periods of second, minutes, hours, days, months, and years as we do. Yet as loving and eternal God He cares enough to extend His gracious offer for us to share His eternal life [Psalm 8:4, John 3:16,36].

Time, which is finite, has both succession and duration. Its duration is measured by its succession in contrast to eternity, which has duration only. Therefore, eternity is beyond man's perception, reaching into infinity.

Human love is finite- it has duration and succession. It is not permanent and will not last forever (infinity). Man is but temporal and finite.

By the grace of God, every believer is a recipient of eternal life of God –where the finite has become infinite, the temporal has become permanent, the mortal has become immortal –man has transcend beyond time.

We cannot learn or understand the love and infinity of God by mastering human love and life, because we have nothing in this world that could make us understand the Person and works of God. The finite has no capacity to understand the infinite.

The eternal life of God in us (Church Age believers) is something we cannot fully understand until we reach heaven where finite and temporal things have no place.

The issue is not the life or the love of God that we have received but the resulting effects and application of possessing such love and life.