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## **THE IMPUTATION OF ETERNAL LIFE**

God intends for the blessings of time to be permanent, and He makes them permanent by carrying them over from time to eternity. He parlays the blessings He gives on earth into even greater blessings and rewards in heaven.

The real imputation of eternal life implies far more than that we will live forever. Every person will live forever but unbelievers will live forever in hell. The security of divine blessing is a major principle behind the imputation of eternal life. Eternal life is far more than it appears to be on the surface. Christianity is far above the born again cliché.

God gives eternal life as a real imputation because there is an affinity between eternal life and the human spirit. God the Holy Spirit sets up this affinity at the point of salvation, when He creates the human spirit to be His home. Just as biological life is the home for soul life forming human life, so also God prepares the human spirit as the home for eternal life.

In their origin, both the soul and the human spirit are creative acts of God. Both are unchangeable, indestructible facts of existence.

When God imputes soul life to biological life – its result is permanent and irrevocable. When God imputes eternal life – that pact or arrangement is also permanent and irrevocable. Life can never be separated from its home when imputed.

**There is nothing we can do to break apart, cancel, alter or render void a divine imputation. Satan and all his demons cannot destroy either soul life or eternal life. Even God cannot undo what He Himself has done.**

The unbeliever in the Lake of Fire, with his soul intact and undamaged, will be completely and constantly aware of his terrible situation. The believer's living soul will be in full operation in the midst of the glories of heaven. The fact that people are alive right now, both believers and unbelievers, is merely the present manifestation of the reality that they are alive forever.

While still in the world, every living person has the opportunity to avoid the GWT or the Last Judgment by possessing the two vital requirements: First: His perfect righteousness and Second: His life. Both are imputed to the believer at the moment of salvation.

Eternal life is God's life, an attribute of His essence. Eternal life is the very life that He is. Imputed to us, it assures us a never-ending relationship with God. We have security in both time and eternity because of the imputation of eternal life. God's life in us not only implies that we will live with Him forever, but it also guarantees that we will receive a resurrection body-minus the sin nature, minus human good and evil regardless of spiritual status on earth. That is ultimate sanctification.

God is making us like his Son, and He accomplishes this in three stages:

Positional –when we believe in Christ, the Holy Spirit places us into union with Christ giving us the privileges to share all that He is and has.

Experiential –when the CA believers become spiritually mature, when the mind of Christ becomes their minds –displacing the good and evil of satanic thinking.

Ultimate –when the RFG is complete, each one of us will receive a body like His. At the resurrection, we will be physically like Him, prepared to share in His triumph and coronation at the Second coming (Revelation 19:6-9).