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M.T.

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Eternal Life Now??

* The New King James Version N.T.

- Int. ??
1. Have we, as a church, arrived Spr.??
 2. Do we have all the answers now?
 3. Since we have God's plan of Sal. down pat; and His plan of Worship; and His plan for the organ. of the church and His plan for the abundant life? are we able to lead the world - thru the gospel - to the great Christian Life - promised by the Father???

Repeat

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4. Before answering consider:

a. I polled a LBC in Dallas one time (35-40 - the best) about their feeling of "being saved today - now." Only 28% said felt saved!

16 yrs. ago

b. Youth Minister polled group of youth recently - 20% dared say "felt saved" ?? 80% NOT saved? Christians, but NOT saved?? Impossible in the absolute!

To be a Chr. is to be saved.
To be saved is to be a Christian.

I

Did N.T. Christians Believe - Know they were saved??

- Mk. 16:15-16. do it! - believe it? Hope!
- ⊕ If Tim. 1:12. His hope!
 - ⊕ Rom. 8:28. Our trust.
 - ⊕ If Tim. 4:7-8. His hope!
- They died for what they knew (believed.)

II Then, why don't we boldly know - believed our salvation is sure!

Possibilities:

1. Life not over yet - can still stumble. (Not stumbling Now are we? Still not sure?)
2. Taught to be low-key, humble. Underplaying our situation. I Cor. 10:12. Think stand - Feet - lest fall. I Pet. 5:6. Stumble self - word creates doubt? - uncertainty?

Question: Can we be humble?
 Can we be saved?
 and be humbly confident of our Sal.?
 If not, why not.?

III How can we have ETERNAL LIFE Now?

A. Some observations:

1. We live in "TIME". Eternal Life begins when time is no more. T? F?
2. We cannot be sure of our salvation until the Judgment Day - can deceive ourselves. Millions of denominational members are! T? F?
3. We can be saved Now, but must wait for eternity to have E. life!

B. Question:

How clear are you on the meaning of eternal?? 3 diff. N.T. usages.

- Limited! (3)
1. "An Age - a period of time." GR. AION. Eph. 3:11. I Tim. 1:17. *specific period.*
 2. "Duration" but not endless. *Limited. specific period.*
Rom. 16:25. II Tim. 1:9. Tit. 1:2.
 3. "Endless" no beginning, no end.
Rom. 16:26. + 66 more N.T. references.
Unlimited.

IV:

Two senses in which we can say we KNOW we are saved:

1. Strong hope based in faith. *as WE can know it.*
Doing what is required. Requirements.
Doing best in attitude and effort.
 - ↳ Hope is strong.
 - ↳ Faith is pure.
 - ↳ Trust is deep.
 Confidence is humbly great!

2. Eternal Life based on our faith - as God KNOWS it.

- a. "Eternity is forever to forever."
↳
- b. We enter into eternity in our time - a space of eternity. Piece.
- c. If: one obeys the gospel at 12 yrs.
Faithful rest of life.
When eternal-life begin?
When Hope begin?

What's the diff? Gal. extended from age 12 - forever!
When HAVE eternal life? Page 12 on. Now!!!

~~V~~ Book of I John lists 24 ways
to KNOW when we have eternal
life. See I John.

See (4)

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New K. J.
The Bible N. T. 378
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