

BIBLICAL STUDY

**CERTAINTY THAT CHRIST
HAS ALREADY GIVEN
MY SOUL IMMORTALITY**

Eternal life now and future glorification

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Reina-Valera 1960 and Francisco Lacueva's Greek Interlinear

Editorial Note and Purpose

This book summarizes, organizes, and reviews the source manuscript. Its purpose is to gather the biblical foundations of the subject, distinguish direct and supporting texts, and express Christian assurance in clear, concise, pastoral language.

CENTRAL THESIS In Christ, the believer already possesses eternal life. If the believer dies, he or she will be with the Lord. At the resurrection, the mortal body will be transformed and clothed with immortality.

Reading Approach

Long quotations are not reproduced in full. The reference is given according to the Reina-Valera 1960 source framework, and the argument is summarized in US English. Greek observations follow the lexical and grammatical sense reflected in Francisco Lacueva's interlinear text.

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PANEL 1

ETERNAL LIFE WE ALREADY POSSESS

Salvation begins in Christ's work and is received by faith.

1

Christ Finished the Work

He died for our sins, was buried, and rose again.

1 Cor. 15:3-4 · Rom. 3:23-26 · Heb. 10:14

2

The Believer Has Passed from Death to Life

Eternal life is a present possession, not merely a future expectation.

John 5:24 · John 6:47 · 1 John 5:11-13

3

God Justifies Freely

The favorable verdict rests on the redemption found in Christ Jesus.

Rom. 3:24-26 · Rom. 5:1 · Acts 13:38-39

4

United to Christ

Made alive and raised with Him; life is hidden with Christ in God.

Gal. 2:20 · Eph. 2:4-6 · Col. 3:1-4

PANEL CONCLUSION I already have eternal life because life is in the Son and God has testified concerning it.

PANEL 2

SECURITY IN LIFE AND AT DEATH

The God who saves also keeps, seals, and intercedes.

1

In the Hands of the Son and the Father

No one can snatch the believer from God's double keeping.

John 10:27-30

2

Sealed with the Holy Spirit

The Spirit is the seal of ownership and guarantee of the inheritance.

Eph. 1:13-14 · Eph. 4:30 · 2 Cor. 1:22

3

Christ Intercedes Continually

The risen Savior lives to intercede for His people.

Rom. 8:34 · Heb. 7:24-25 · 1 John 2:1-2

4

At Death, with Christ

Physical death does not break fellowship with the Lord.

John 11:25-26 · Phil. 1:21-23 · 2 Cor. 5:6-8

PANEL CONCLUSION Neither life nor death can separate the believer from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

PANEL 3

RESURRECTION AND BODILY IMMORTALITY

Eternal life has begun; bodily transformation is still future.

1

The Dead in Christ Will Rise

Death will not have the final word over the redeemed.

1 Thess. 4:13-16 • 1 Cor. 15:42-44

2

Living Believers Will Be Changed

The Lord's coming will gather everyone who is in Christ.

1 Thess. 4:17-18 • 1 Cor. 15:51-52

3

The Mortal Will Put On Immortality

Bodily immortality will be received at resurrection or transformation.

1 Cor. 15:53-54 • Phil. 3:20-21

4

Always with the Lord

The consummation removes death, pain, and separation.

1 Thess. 4:17 • Rev. 21:3-4 • Rev. 22:1-5

PANEL CONCLUSION Christ will transform our mortal body and fully reveal the life we already possess in Him.

VISUAL APPENDIX

THE COMPLETE JOURNEY OF ASSURANCE

A unified view of present salvation and its future consummation.

A	Finished Work Christ died for our sins and rose again. 1 Cor. 15:3-4
B	Present Eternal Life The believer has life and does not come into judgment. John 5:24 · 1 John 5:11-13
C	Keeping and Intercession Father, Son, and Spirit guarantee the fulfillment of the promise. John 10:27-30 · Eph. 1:13-14 · Heb. 7:25
D	Presence with Christ At departure, the believer is with the Lord. Phil. 1:21-23 · 2 Cor. 5:6-8
E	Bodily Immortality At Christ's coming, the mortal will be transformed. 1 Cor. 15:51-54 · Phil. 3:20-21

PANEL CONCLUSION In Christ I already have eternal life; if I die, I will be

with Him; when He comes, my mortal body will put on immortality.

I. Direct Biblical Texts

John 3:16. Whoever believes in the Son does not merely move toward eternal life; he possesses it as God's gift.

John 5:24. Whoever hears and believes has eternal life, does not come into judgment, and has passed from death to life.

John 6:47. Jesus directly declares that the believer has eternal life.

John 10:27-30. Christ gives eternal life to His sheep; they will never perish, and no one will snatch them from the hands of the Son or the Father.

John 11:25-26. Christ is the resurrection and the life; physical death cannot cancel the life received by the believer.

John 17:2-3. Eternal life comes from the Son and consists in knowing the Father and Jesus Christ.

Romans 6:22-23. The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus; it is not the wages of human works.

1 John 5:11-13. God has given eternal life, that life is in His Son, and believers can know that they have it.

2 Timothy 1:9-10. Christ broke the power of death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

1 Corinthians 15:51-54. At the future resurrection or transformation, the perishable will put on imperishability and the mortal will put on immortality.

KEY READING John 5:24 and 1 John 5:11-13 establish the present

possession of eternal life; 1 Corinthians 15:51-54 establishes future bodily immortality.

II. Supporting Biblical Texts

Ephesians 1:13-14. The Holy Spirit is the seal and guarantee of the future inheritance.

Ephesians 2:4-6. Union with Christ is described as having been made alive, raised, and seated with Him.

Colossians 3:1-4. The believer's life is hidden with Christ in God and will be revealed in glory.

Romans 8:1, 11, 23, 30. There is no condemnation in Christ; the Spirit will give life to the body, and glorification is the believer's certain destiny.

Romans 8:31-39. Nothing can separate the believer from the love of God in Christ.

Philippians 1:6; 3:20-21. God will complete His work and transform the body of humiliation.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. The dead in Christ will rise, and believers will always be with the Lord.

Hebrews 7:25; 10:14. Christ saves completely and perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

1 Peter 1:3-5. The inheritance is reserved, and believers are guarded by God's power through faith.

Jude 24-25. God is able to keep believers from final ruin and present them before His glory.

Revelation 21:3-4; 22:1-5. The consummation removes death, pain, and separation; the redeemed reign with God.

Introduction: A Certainty Centered on Christ

Christian assurance does not rest on the strength of an emotion or on the claim that a believer can never fail. It rests on the person and work of Jesus Christ. He died for our sins, rose again, gives eternal life to those who believe, and will bring His work to glorification.

This study preserves the central emphasis of the source manuscript while carefully distinguishing three biblical realities: eternal life already possessed; personal survival and fellowship with Christ after death; and future bodily immortality at the resurrection. This distinction prevents us from confusing the present reality of salvation with its consummation.

1. What “Eternal Life” Means

In John’s writings, eternal life is more than endless duration. It is life from God, received through the Son and characterized by a true relationship with Him. John 17:3 connects eternal life with knowing the only true God and Jesus Christ.

The verb “has” in John 5:24 and 1 John 5:13 describes a present possession. The believer does not wait until death to begin having eternal life. The body remains mortal, but the believer’s saving relationship with God has decisively changed.

2. Eternal Life and Immortality: Related but Distinct

The New Testament uses *zōē aiōnios* for “eternal life,” *aphtharsia* for “imperishability,” and *athanasia* for “immortality.” Eternal life describes the present gift in Christ. Imperishability and immortality especially describe the future condition of the resurrected body.

First Corinthians 15:53 does not say that the mortal body is already immortal; it says that it must put on immortality. The present certainty is real, while bodily transformation remains future. Both truths belong together.

ESSENTIAL DISTINCTION Eternal life is already possessed in Christ. Bodily immortality is received at resurrection or transformation.

3. The Finished Work That Sustains Assurance

The gospel announces that Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose on the third day (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). Eternal life does not arise from the sinner's moral effort but from God's grace grounded in Christ's death and resurrection.

Romans 3:23-26 presents justification as a free gift by grace through the redemption in Christ. Hebrews 10:14 affirms the lasting sufficiency of one offering. Assurance looks away from self and toward Christ and His completed work.

4. Jesus' Direct Promise

John 5:24 gives a decisive sequence: hears, believes, has eternal life, does not come into judgment, and has passed from death to life. Assurance rests on Christ's word. John 10:28 adds that He gives eternal life and that His sheep will never perish.

The double keeping in John 10:28-30 - the hand of the Son and the hand of the Father - does not make sin insignificant. It reveals that the believer's final preservation depends on God's power and faithfulness.

5. “Whoever Has the Son Has Life”

First John 5:11-13 is the clearest passage on assurance. God’s testimony is that eternal life is in His Son. To have the Son by faith is to have life. John writes so believers may know, not merely suppose, that they have eternal life.

Saving faith is not confidence in the intensity of one’s faith; it is confidence in the Son of God. Assurance matures as the conscience repeatedly returns to God’s objective testimony.

6. From Death to Life: A Present Reality

Ephesians 2:1-6 describes the sinner as dead in trespasses and sins and then made alive together with Christ. The language of resurrection and exaltation expresses the believer’s representative and spiritual union with the risen Lord.

To say that the believer is seated in the heavenly places does not mean the body is already physically in heaven. It means the believer’s new position, acceptance, and destiny are united to Christ. Present spiritual reality anticipates future consummation.

7. Hidden Life and Coming Glory

Colossians 3:1-4 joins the “already” and the “not yet”: the believer has been raised with Christ and his life is hidden with Him; when Christ appears, the believer will also appear with Him in glory.

The hidden life is secure even though it is not yet fully visible. Faith does not invent reality; it receives the reality God has revealed and awaits its manifestation.

8. The Seal of the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 1:13-14 teaches that after hearing the gospel and believing, the believer is sealed with the promised Holy Spirit. The Spirit is arrabōn: guarantee, down payment, or first installment of the inheritance.

The seal confirms ownership and authenticity; the guarantee points toward final redemption. The Spirit does not replace Christ but applies and confirms the benefits of His work.

9. No Condemnation and No Separation

Romans 8 begins with “no condemnation” for those in Christ and ends with “no separation” from God’s love. Between these certainties stand the Spirit’s work, adoption, intercession, and the hope of bodily redemption.

Assurance does not deny suffering, the struggle with sin, or the Father’s discipline. It affirms that no charge can reverse the justification God has pronounced over those who are in Christ.

10. Christ Intercedes and Saves Completely

Hebrews 7:25 connects complete salvation with Christ’s continuing life of intercession. Romans 8:34 presents the crucified, risen, and exalted Christ interceding for His people.

Final perseverance does not rest only on the believer’s past decision. It rests on a living Savior whose priesthood never ends and whose work never needs to be repeated.

11. What Happens at Death

Physical death remains an enemy, but it has lost the power to separate believers from Christ. Paul can say that to depart and be with Christ is

far better (Philippians 1:21-23), and that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:6-8).

These passages support conscious fellowship with Christ after death. They do not yet describe the final bodily resurrection. The intermediate state is blessed, but Christian hope culminates in a resurrected body.

12. Resurrection and Bodily Immortality

First Corinthians 15:42-54 is the central passage. The body is sown perishable and raised imperishable; it is sown in weakness and raised in power. Then the mortal will put on immortality.

Immortality is not presented as an autonomous human quality but as victory received through Jesus Christ. God raises, transforms, and clothes His people with immortality.

13. The Rapture and Transformation

First Thessalonians 4:13-18 teaches that the dead in Christ will rise first and living believers will be caught up together with them to meet the Lord. First Corinthians 15:51-52 adds that all will be changed.

The hope is not escape from human existence but the full redemption of the person. The lasting result is to be always with the Lord.

14. A Hope That Produces Holiness

Biblical assurance never permits grace to be used as a license to sin. Romans 6 teaches that those who died to sin must not continue under its rule. Titus 2:11-14 teaches that grace trains believers to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives.

Obedience does not purchase eternal life or complete Christ's work. It is the fruit of new life, an expression of gratitude, and evidence of the Spirit's sanctifying work.

GRACE AND LIFE Conduct is not the price of salvation; it is the sphere in which new life learns to express itself.

15. Doubts, Failures, and Restoration

Assurance may weaken because of unconfessed sin, confusing teaching, suffering, or excessive introspection. First John 2:1-2 recognizes the real possibility of sin and directs the believer to Jesus Christ, the Advocate and propitiation.

When believers stumble, they must not excuse sin or attempt to rebuild salvation through works. They must confess, return to the truth of the gospel, and walk again in fellowship with God.

16. How to State This Certainty Precisely

A biblically balanced confession is: “In Christ I already have eternal life. If I die, I will be with Him. When He comes, my mortal body will be transformed and clothed with immortality.”

This confession honors every tense of salvation: present justification and life; fellowship with Christ at death; and future resurrection and glorification.

17. A Pastoral Examination of Faith

The decisive question is not “Am I good enough?” but “In whom does my hope rest?” The gospel calls for repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. Works are not the basis of justification, but living faith leads a person to follow the Lord.

Second Corinthians 13:5 calls believers to examine themselves. This examination does not seek sinless perfection but reality: Do I trust

Christ? Do I receive God's testimony concerning His Son? Is there in me a genuine desire to live under His lordship?

Conclusion: Christ Never Fails

Believers may have assurance because Christ paid for their sins, God justified them, they possess eternal life, they are united to Christ, they were sealed with the Holy Spirit, and the Savior intercedes for them.

Death does not have the final word; Christ does. Eternal life has begun, presence with Him is secure, resurrection will transform the mortal, and nothing can separate the believer from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

III. Key Greek Terms

Term	Meaning	Text	Doctrinal Contribution
<i>zōē aiōnios</i>	eternal life	John 3:16; 5:24	Life from God, possessed in the Son.
<i>athanasia</i>	immortality	1 Cor. 15:53-54; 1 Tim. 6:16	For the believer, the future condition of the transformed body.
<i>aphtharsia</i>	imperishability	1 Cor. 15:42, 50, 53-54; 2 Tim. 1:10	Freedom from corruption or decay; brought to light through the gospel.
<i>arrabōn</i>	guarantee/down payment	Eph. 1:14; 2 Cor. 1:22; 5:5	The Spirit as the secure first installment of the inheritance.

<i>sphragizō</i>	to seal	Eph. 1:13; 4:30	A mark of ownership and preservation until redemption.
<i>oida</i>	to know	1 John 5:13	Conscious knowledge; the believer can know that eternal life is present.

IV. Summary in Seven Statements

- Christ paid completely for our sins.
- God freely justifies the one who believes.
- The believer possesses eternal life in the Son.
- The believer is united to Christ and sealed with the Holy Spirit.
- Christ lives and intercedes for His people.
- Physical death does not separate the believer from the Lord.
- At Christ's coming, the believer's body will be transformed in immortality.

FINAL CONFSSION My assurance does not rest on my never failing, but on Christ never failing. I already have eternal life in Him, and I await the bodily immortality He will reveal at His coming.

V. Personal Reading Guide

John 5:24: Which verbs describe a present and decisive reality?

John 10:27-30: Who sustains the security of the sheep?

1 John 5:11-13: Where is life, and what may the believer know?

Romans 8:31-39: What things cannot separate believers from God's love?

1 Corinthians 15:51-54: When does the mortal put on immortality?

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