

Assurance of Eternal Life

(Jude 21) "Keep yourselves in the love of God, **waiting anxiously** (prosdechomai / p.m.ptc.nplm) [expectant longing] **for the mercy** (to eleos / asm) **of our** (ego / gplm) [personal relationship] **Lord Jesus Christ to** (eis+accusative) [of divine purpose] **eternal life** (aionios zoe / asf)."

The definite article (The) with mercy would encourage us to study the doctrine of Mercy. But since we taught it in our study of Jude 2, we will study the doctrine of **Assurance of Eternal Life**.

The prepositional phrase, "to eternal life", places the emphasis on the assurance of eternal life that comes from faith in the word of God regarding eternal life.

We will begin by examining our lesson text by the following three homiletic points.

- Second Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ
- Saved by the mercy
- Secured and assured of eternal life (EL)

There is a difference between security of EL that is based on God's faithfulness (2 Thess.2:13) and the assurance of EL which is based on the Church Age Believer's (CAB's) choice to believe the truth of the word of God for that assurance of EL or not. (John 5:39-40).

This lesson will study three points to help you have Assurance of your Eternal Life.

- 1. As a result of Adam's Original Sin (AOS), every member of the human race is physically born minus Eternal Life (EL).**

We all are born under the 13 judicial charges of AOS (See: [So Great a Salvation](#)).

We all are born spiritually dead (minus EL) which is separation from God in time (Rom.5:12-21; Eph.2:1, 4-9; Acts 15:1, 11) and if we die physically without believing the gospel of grace salvation (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16), we will suffer separation from God in eternity (minus EL, second spiritual death) (Rev.20:11-15).

- 2. Faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ removes the 13 judicial charges of AOS and imparts EL at the moment of grace salvation (John 3:16-18, 36; John 5:24; 10:10; 14:6).**

EL is the eternal possession of every CAB (John 11:25-26) because of the indwelling ministry of the Holy Spirit (John 6:63; 8:11; Titus 3:4-7; 2 Pet.1:3-4).

- 3. When I became a born again believer, I was fortunate to have been discipled immediately in gospel salvation and eternal life (John 3:3-8; 1 Pet.1:23; Titus 3:4-7).**

I was given the Hands of God illustration of EL **and my faith in the promise of the word of God gave me the assurance** that the security of my EL was the responsibility of God (John 20:31).

Later I discovered several other **biblical illustrations of EL**. I will share seven of them that can give you that same assurance of your EL.

(1 John 2:25) "This is the promise which He Himself made to us: eternal life."

- **Hands of God illustration** (John 10:28-30)

- **Gift of God illustration** (Rom.6:23; Eph.2:8-9)

- **Living water illustration** (John 4:14; 7:37-39; 14:16)

- **Sealed by God illustration** (Eph.4:30; 1:13-14)

- **Union with Jesus Christ illustration** (1 John 5:11-13; Heb.5:9)

- **Sovereign authority of God illustration** (John 6:37-40; 17:1-3; Titus 1:1-2)

- **Passing from spiritual death to spiritual life illustration** (John 3:15-16; 5:24, 39-40; 1 John 3:14)

(1 Tim.1:15-16) “It is trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I foremost of all. Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for **those who would believe in Him for eternal life.**”