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## **ETERNAL LIFE**

The context of our three "Truly, Truly I Say" doctrines in this series is (John 5:1-30).

We have divided the context into three sections for study based on these three "Truly, Truly I Say" doctrinal titles.

John 5:19-23 Equality with God

John 5:24 **Eternal Life** 

John 5:25-30 Executor of God's Judgment

**Question:** Suppose a friend walks up to you and says, "I have some good news and some bad news. Which do you want first?"

- **Do you think**, "there is no such thing as bad news to a spiritually mature believer because of **Rom.8:29**." SO
- **Do vou respond.** "It doesn't matter to me, vou decide?"

There are at least two stories behind the story of our three "Truly, Truly I Say" doctrines.

- First story, behind the story, was Jesus healing a man suffering from a medical incurable disease of 38 years (John 5:1-15).
- **Second story**, behind the story, was the religious legalist attacking Jesus for healing the man on the Sabbath and for making Himself equal with God (John 15:16-18).

Doctrinal Principle: false assumptions lead to false interpretations lead to false expectations lead to false applications.

Jesus responded to these false charges with three Hebrew Amen doctrines, "Truly, Truly I Say to you", in John 5:19, 24, and 25.

# This lesson will study three aspects of the "Truly, Truly I Say" [Amen] Doctrine of ETERNAL LIFE.

NOTE: John is the premier writer on the subject of Eternal Life in both the Gospel of John and the First Epistle of John (1 John 5:11-13).

(1 John 5:13) "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that vou may know that you have eternal life."

1. We will break the Amen doctrine of John 5:24 into three promises associated with Eternal Life.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Promise:

"He who hears (ho akouo/ p.a.ptc) My words and believes (pisteuo/ p.a.ptc) on Him who sent Me, has (echo/p.a.ind) [main verb] **eternal life''** (Rom.10:17; Heb.4:2)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Promise

"He shall not come (ouk erchomai/p.m.ind) into condemnation" (krisis); (Rom.8:1)

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Promise

"But **he** is **passed** (metabaino/perf.a.ind) **from** (ek+ablative of separation) **death** (tou thanatos) **into life**" (ten zoe)." (1 Cor.15:22; 1 John 3:14)

- 2. Eternal life is Divine Life of the Godhead (God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit (John 1:1-14).
  - (1 John 1:5) "This is the message we have heard from in Him and announce to you, that **God is Light**, and in Him there is **no darkness** at all."
  - (1 John 1:7) "But <u>if (3cc)</u> we <u>walk</u> in the <u>Light as (hos/comparative particle)</u> He <u>Himself is in the Light</u>, we have **fellowship** with one another, and the **blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin**." (1 John 1:9)
  - (John 8:12) "I am the Light of the world; he who follows (ho akoloutheo/p.a.ptc, nsm) Me will not walk in darkness, but (alla) [contrast] will have the Light of life."
- 3. Eternal life brings Divine Light, removing the one believing from darkness at moment of salvation in gospel of Jesus Christ (John 3:15-16, 19, 36; Col.1:13-14).
  - (John 1:4-5) "In Him was life, and **the life was the Light of men**. The <u>Light shines in the darkness</u>, and the darkness did not comprehend it." (John 1:11-13)
  - (Eph.5:8) "For you were <u>formerly darkness</u>, but **now you are Light in the Lord**; <u>walk as children of Light</u>." (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9)
  - (1 Pet.2:9) "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of **Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.**"
  - (John 1:9) "There was the **true Light** which, coming into the world, **enlightens every man**."
  - (2 Cor.4:6) "For God, who said, 'Light shall shine out of darkness,' is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of Knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ."
  - (Rom.6:23) "For the wages of sin is death, but the **free gift of God is eternal life** in Christ Jesus our Lord." 1 of 20 Status Privileges of the Royal Family of God