

## JOEY FAUST'S TWO ETERNAL LIFES

(Annotated by Herb Evans)

We have annotated the comments by Joey Faust in his Pre-publication book, "Will God Spare the Rod?" Chapter 28, "The Reward of Eternal Life," pp. 287 - 296. Note that Chapter 28 of the pre-pub book had been changed to Chapter 23, same chapter title, in the first publication book, "The Rod: Will God Spare it?" Some things have been relegated to the Appendix. – Herb Evans

**Joey Faust:** "If the word "eternal" were defined as *enduring without end*, then "eternal life" would mean *living, never to die again*. Based on this definition, **only** those Christians that are **accounted worthy** of the Millennial reign **will experience** "eternal life" when Jesus returns: (Luke 20:35, 36). - p. 287 pre-pub book; p. 230 first publication book

**Herb Evans:** Yes, he that believeth in me shall **NEVER** die]

**Joey Faust:** It is true that all Christians **presently** possess "eternal life" as a free gift (Jn. 6:47). However, unless the Christian is raptured without dying, physical death must intervene before he or she *experiences* true, **continual** life. And, if Christ denies the Christian at the Judgment Seat, he or she will experience **temporary death** until the end of the kingdom (2 Tim. 2:12, rev. 2:11, Lk. 12:4, 5) Therefore, it will not be until after the Millennium that **all** Christians will experience **absolute** "eternal life" (Jn. 6:40, 54, 1 Cor. 3:15, rev. 20:15). On the other hand, the **faithful Christians will enter into "eternal life"** 1000 years before the rest of the saved. They will be "firstborn" in "eternal life". The rest of the saints **must wait** until later to experience their free gift: (Romans 8:17, 29) . . . p. 288 pre-pub book; p. 230 in the First publication book

**Herb Evans: 1. Do they ever lose it even for a little while? 2. How can you experience death and still have eternal life?**

**Joey Faust:** . . . There are abundant Scriptures in the New Testament that place "eternal life" before Christians as a **reward according to works**. If the word "eternal" is taken (in regard to the future) as *absolutely* unending, then the only way "eternal life" can be set before the saints as a conditional reward would be if there is a special time when some saints will begin this experience *earlier* than the rest. Faithful Christians will be resurrected, *never to die again*, 1000 years before the rest of the household of God. There is therefore a hope set before every believer of entering into an **absolute** "eternal life" 1000-years before the rest of the saints (Lk. 20:35, 36). This is sufficient answer to anyone who is unwilling (in spite of the evidence offered in this book) to see the word "eternal" is any relative sense. -- p. 289 pre-pub book; p. 231 in First publication book

**Herb Evans:** How can some Christians experience eternal life earlier than others if all possess it now? It is not a sufficient answer to merely reply that it is "absolute" as opposed to non-absolute. What are the mechanics of distinguishing those eternal lives?

**Joey Faust:** On the other hand, by taking "eternal life" (in certain contexts) in a relative sense, the warnings and promises in the New Testament will also harmonize nicely. In conditional passages addressed to Christians, "eternal life" would simply refer to "**age-lasting life**" in the future Millennium: 1 Tim. 6:12 -- p. 289 pre pub book; p. 225 in First publication book

**Herb Evans:** Joey Faust claims that he is King James, so why the word softening manipulation of his heroes? Does Joey not like the word "eternal" to interfere with his agenda?

**Joey Faust:** Scripture reveals an "eternal life" that is a reward over and beyond the "eternal life" in absolute eternity that all Christians already possess through faith alone: (Matthew 19:16). -- p. 291 pre-pub book; p. 227 in First publication book]

**Herb Evans:** There you have it! Eternal life that is free and eternal life that is a reward? **HERESY!**

**Joey Faust:** . . . The Scripture teaches that inheriting "eternal life" is the same as inheriting the "kingdom of Heaven" (Mt. 19:16, 23). Yet, many reason backwards and teach what Christ means by the "kingdom of Heaven" is "eternal life" in absolute eternity. The Bible **teaches** that the Kingdom to come is the Millennium (Rev. 20:4). -- p. 293 in pre pub book

**Herb Evans:** Neither Jesus, in the gospels, nor Paul in the Epistles, taught or even mentioned the duration of the millennial kingdom if that is what they supposedly meant. What does Joey do with saved folks being translated in the kingdom of HIS dead SON?

**Joey Faust:** The truth that Jesus taught the young ruler is echoed throughout the New Testament. **The Bible sometimes exhorts Christians to work to obtain "eternal life"**. This fact reveals that "eternal life" **sometimes** means life during the future 1000-year kingdom. Romans 2:7; Jude 1:21; 1 Tim. 6:11, 12, 17-19) -- p. 293 in pre pub book

**Herb Evans:** When and where does it mean that? Since the rich young ruler was working to obtain it, why did Jesus correct him? Or is Joey Faust prepared to give everything he has to the poor as one of his so called conditions for eternal life?

**Joey Faust:** In the above passages, “eternal life” is through works. Notice the context is the “time to come” (1 Tim. 6:19). This refers to the Millennium. There is clearly an “eternal life” in the next world, and there is an “eternal life” after the world to come. After the world to come (the Millennium) is the “new heaven and new earth” of Revelation 21. -- p. 293 in the pre pub book; 227 in the First publication book

**Herb Evans:** Wow! Now, we have #3 eternal life. All this without a millennium or thousand years even mentioned in the Joey’s proof texts!

**Joey Faust:** The “eternal life” that comes by grace through faith alone is fully experienced by *all* Christians **only in the world after the next world**. All throughout Scripture there is another “eternal life” to be gained in the next world that is different than the “eternal life” by faith alone. It is gained by grace (i.e. God’s free supply of power) through faith *and practical works* (John 12:25; 1 John 3:15): -- p. 294 in pre pub book; page 228 in the First Publication book

**Herb Evans:** Hey, I’ve experienced “eternal life” over 50 years ago and am still experiencing it. Even Peter Ruckman does not teach faith plus works in the grace dispensation.

**Joey Faust:** Throughout John’s First Epistle we see that he thinks of “eternal life” as a **prize to be obtained by walking in obedience to the commandments** (1 John 2:28, 3:18-24). In one sense John tells his Christians readers that Christ himself is our “eternal life”, **for he is the power to obtain it** (1 John 1:2, 5:20). To reign with Jesus Christ in His millennial glory will be “life” indeed! [John is writing to people that already believe in Jesus Christ for positional salvation in *endless* eternity. He desires them to also examine themselves to make sure they are walking in God’s Spirit (i.e. being “born” of him **daily in practical works**). This will give them strong confidence (i.e. “knowledge”) that they will indeed possess “eternal life” in the world to come (1 John 5:13). -- p. 295 in pre pub book; page 228 in the First Publication book

**Herb Evans:** Here we find Joey Faust reading John’s mind. One problem with Christ being “our eternal life” in only the future is the fact that we may **KNOW** that we **HAVE** (present tense) eternal life **NOW**. And what confidence or knowledge do Faustites have in that they will possess “eternal life” in the Millennial Kingdom? Especially since Faust himself admits that he does not know whether he will make it or not. Joey Faust gets his eternal life in the Millennium from these proof texts although the millennium and its duration have still not been mentioned in them. Well, one question, who will Christ and we reign over in the millennium? Huh? Joey is born of Him daily in practical works; what we have here are multiple births in Joey Faust’s system; you get born again every day! Strange that being born of the Spirit of God is not sufficient!

**Joey Faust:** But why call it “eternal” life if it only lasts 1000 years? This fullness of life in the Kingdom age is a high quality of glory. Present life can be interrupted. The riches and glory can quickly fade. However, nothing can be taken away the fullness and enjoyment of that *Millennial* glory to come. It is a special reign with Jesus during that age of reward. It is “eternal life, unlike the fragile life and uncertain glory this world has to offer. -- p. 295 in pre pub book; page 228 in the First Publication book

**Herb Evans:** Good question that will not be answered by Joey in his three phase eternal life scheme? Outside of not answering his own question, in regard to duration, this is a nice bit of Catholic sophistry. Read my lips! Eternal life is eternal because it is eternal from the beginning of one’s salvation.

**Joey Faust:** By saying that “eternal life” in the world to come is only 1000 years, one might assume that such implies that all are worthy to receive it must die after the 1000 years is finished. The 1000-year kingdom of the world to come is the prize. It is a special time period. The time period after the 1000 years is free through faith alone. All believers, who gain inheritance and entrance into the kingdom, will already possess the “eternal life” **after the Millennium**. In the Bible, “life” is qualified by the world around it. “life” in this world is not the same life as “life” in the next.

**Herb Evans:** We never assumed that! We just assume that you were just saying it and not proving it. We also assumed that none of us were worthy of “eternal life” of any kind. Such is not the case. But this special Faust time period of phase two eternal life means that carnal Christians only have two phases of eternal life in your scheme. Eternal life that is given eternal life upon the new birth and eternal life after their thousands years in hell fire is done. The question remains as to who has eternal life now? Oh! No one knows!

**Joey Faust:** Nor will “life” after the millennial kingdom be the same as the Millennium . . . After this “eternal life” of another world and age, where all believers will be united for endless eternity. -- p. 295 in pre pub book; Page 228 in the First Publication book

**Herb Evans:** well, after more sophistry and philosophical pontification, Joey Faust neither has still not clearly defined eternal life from the scriptures nor told us who has eternal life **NOW**. There you have it from the horse’s mouth, two or three different kinds of “eternal life.”

**Joey Faust:** Notice how Christ plainly teaches that there **is an “eternal life” to be obtained through works** in the “world to come” *before* final eternity. -- p. 228 in First publication book

**Herb Evans:** Well, your head should be spinning about now. Eternal life by faith, eternal life by works, and an eternal life in eternity by one or the other previous eternal life’s or both.

**The Rod: Will God Spare it? First Publication (no date) by Joey Faust**  
**Joey's Heroes also Double Speak the Word "Eternal"**

"The words depended upon (as eternal, perpetual, etc) have sometimes, us critics of the most diverse sentiments slate, a limited meaning, denoting simply a long duration, or a duration coeval with existing orderings or dispensations...the words 'eternal,' 'everlasting,' 'forever,' are sometimes employed lo denote limited duration (i.e. duration adapted lo the nature of the (lung of which it is affirmed)...." George N Peters (1825 - 1909) -- **Appendix**, Everlasting, Forever and Eternal, chapter 23, p. 390]

". . . the word aionios is an adjective formed from aion, which last, being de rived from the Greek for 'always,' signifies the whole lime during which a person, thing, or slate, exists. Hence, if it be used of a person, it expressed his whole life, or lifetime; if of a succession of generations, of history, or of the stale of a people or the world, an age; if of the universe, or of anything that lasts for ever, eternity. The adjective, of course, follows the meanings of its noun...." G.H. Pember (1837-1910) -- **Appendix**, Everlasting, Forever and Eternal, chapter 23, p. 390]

"The Preacher, in contending with the universalist, or restorationist, would commit an error, and it may be, suffer a failure in his argument, should he lay the whole stress of it on the etymological or historical significance of the words, aion, aionios, and attempt to prove that, of themselves, they carry the meaning of endless duration." John P. Lange (1802 - 1884) -- **Appendix**, Everlasting, Forever and Eternal, chapter 23, p. 390

. . . they are obliged to confess that a very large proportion of the Scriptures which they have supposed to reveal eternal peril of the sinner, on the contrary actually reveal the **AGE-LASTING** peril of their own souls . . . This is why I discriminate between the 'traditional' and the real . . . Stephen S. Craig (1916) -- Chapter 22, The unquenchable Fire, p. 217, 218]

. . . The phrase 'eternal life' is used **in a dual, or twofold sense**, in the Scriptures. In the former it designates the free gift of God to the soul that believes on Jesus Christ as the only Saviour from sin. In the second sense it means, no longer the free gift, but the prize of which Paul speaks in Phil. 3:7-14 . . . -- S.S. Craig (1916) -- Chapter 23, The Reward of Eternal Life, p. 225]

**Note:** Five of Joey Faust's heroes, Govett, Panton, Pember, Nee, and Lang also believed in some kind of a hell for believers. But we are only taking Joey Faust's word for that on page 363.

**-- compiled by Herb Evans**