

Proof of Eternal Life

In my first essay I cited several Scriptures which prove saving faith the work of God.

In my second essay I cited several Scriptures which prove Christ finished the work given Him to do on Earth.

Christ perfectly accomplished His Father's will.

And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day (John 6:39).

Christ lost none and will never lose any given Him by the Father (John 10; 17).

This critical divine truth vitiates all the well-meaning Christians' theories which insist the Father's eternal intention was to save all mankind, as was the mediatorial mission of Christ.

Rather, it was quite the contrary.

It was the Father's eternal intention that Christ lay down His life for those sheep given Him by His Father.

....I lay down my life for the sheep....I give them eternal life and they shall never perish.....My Father which gave them me is greater than all, and no man is able to pluck them out of the Father's hand (John 10:15, 28-29).

We can unequivocally conclude from this statement that

those who perished were never given to Christ with the eternal intention of their salvation.

I now ask the question, What is proof of eternal life?

With irrefutable clarity, Jesus answers this vital question:

And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent (John 17:3).

Knowing the true God and Jesus Christ is proof of one's election unto eternal life.

The knowledge of which Jesus speaks is not the historical knowledge which the demons possess (as well as many professing Christians).

What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God (Mark 1:24)

Rather, it is an intimate, personal relational knowledge which seeks to understand who God is, what God's will is, and how He would have us serve Him.

It is a knowledge which is grounded in obedience and a sincere love for God.

And it is a knowledge which has its cause in the electing grace of God.

All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man

the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him (Matthew 11:27).

The Son reveals the Father, and the Father reveals the Son (Matthew 16:17).

The world has not known the Father, only Christ has known Him (John 17:25).

Jesus made known the Father to those given Him by the Father (John 17:6).

Jesus promises He will continue to declare and make the Father known to those later generations of Elect (John 17:26).

Furthermore, and most importantly, Jesus relates the revelation of the knowledge of God to the unconditional love of God:

And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them (John 17:26).

Herein lays further proof that God's love cannot fail to save.

Those whom He loves He gives revelation knowledge of Himself, which is their proof of eternal life.

And that knowledge is always received and believed....."they have kept thy word" (John 17:6).

It is the Paul's prayer that the Father give the Ephesians the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him that

they eyes of their understanding be enlightened to understand the supernatural origin of their faith which came from God, not themselves (Ephesians 1:18-20, 2:8-9).

Is that not Christ's prayer for all His sheep?

NEXT: Why did Christ constantly emphasize He was sent of God?
