

WHICH LIFE DID CHRIST PROMISE US – LONG OR ETERNAL?

INTRODUCTION

We live in a time where Believers in Christ are peddling a lot of varied gospels that contain various promises that are said to be our portion in Christ Jesus which he did not make specifically, but men by their own deductions and doctrines have committed him to them falsely. We shall be examining one of those promises of which men are holding Christ up to in error as part of their lot in him but which is not true.

Our heavenly Father sent His Son Jesus Christ to the earth to give life unto those that shall become born of the Spirit in him, but which life is that? Was it long and prosperous life in this world or eternal and glorious life in the world to come? Or is it both? Do the saints on earth have eternal life already or are they to have it later? Can we have two different kind of lives at the same time?

The Ministers of the People (MOPs) of the Churches as an organization/business (CAO) in whom majority trust teach that we have eternal life when we receive Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour, but yet they continuously pray for long life and prosperity for the same people in blessing them, carrying them into all manner of covenants of long life continually in their religious programmes. Why? How is it that one has eternal life already and such is seeking for long life still? They reject dying young, declaring that they shall not die before their time, which time they do not even know. Even though Jesus Christ whom they claim is their Master died at the prime of his life, and the same with John the Baptist, Stephen, James, etc. as an example that death in your youth is not a truncation of your destiny in God. **Eccl 9:10; Eccl 8:8**

These questions and many more we shall answer in this literature in the doctrine of Christ by the grace of God, so that your faith may not be based on the wisdom of men and in ignorance as it is for many believers today in the CAO. To be able to answer these pertinent questions accurately, we would have to go to the beginning of the creation of Man and seek to know how it was at the beginning with the first man, Adam and how it is going to be with us at the end as it was with the last Adam.

We shall be using the terms “everlasting life” and “eternal life” interchangeably as it is generally used in the Bible in this literature. But in subsequent literature of ours dealing specifically with that subject, we shall differentiate between the two as it were because there is spiritual

distinction in meaning between them which the discerning eye can still see within this literature. The language of God in His dealings with the living soul called man has always been in terms of “everlasting” and “forever”.

WHAT KIND OF LIFE DID ADAM HAVE AT THE BEGINNING?

God created Man in His own image and likeness with a divine mandate to dominate over other creations and subdue the rebellious beings that were in darkness already on the earth as at then. Adam was created spiritually as male and female at the beginning and therefore had a spiritual kind of life from the onset. **Gen 5:1-2; Mk 10:6**

Gen 1: 26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. **Vr.27** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. **Vr.28** And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Adam was created as a spirit and subsequently formed with an immortal body/flesh taken from the dust of the blessed ground and the breath of life put in him before being made a living soul. This flesh being a celestial body was prepared to house the immortal spirit and soul of Adam. Our LORD God is called the God of the spirit of all flesh because God is a Spirit and not mortal flesh and He created Adam immortal, in spirit and in truth. **Jn 4:24; Num 23:19; Num 16:22**

Gen 2:5 And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man [*as a living soul with a body*] to till the ground. **Vr.7** And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Adam as formed a living soul was immortal and celestial in nature and glory as a tripartite being having immortality in spirit, soul and body. The life that he had, being a living soul, was everlasting at the initial. Adam was not created and formed to have long life on earth at the beginning as a mortal, because long life terminates with death but rather with everlasting life. He was created equal unto the angels who were sons of God in heaven, while Adam was to be a son of God on earth. They were all to live forever in their various realms of abode doing the will of God. **Mtt 6:10; Lk 20:35-36; Job 2:1-3; Lk 3:38**

The promise of God for the first man if he had successfully obeyed God's commandment in the Garden of Eden trial was the crown of life eternal which he was to receive through eating of the tree of life to live forever, but that was not to be so with Adam due to disobedience. **Mtt 25:34**

Tit 1: 1 Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness; **Vr.2** In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

Gen 3:22-24 (Vr.22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live [*eternally*] for ever:

WHAT BROUGHT ABOUT MAN HAVING LONG LIFE?

As we had opined, Adam was created and formed immortal with everlasting life just as the angels were, but he ended up having long life in the world. Why?

Adam was put to the test in the Garden of Eden in order to determine his absolute obedience to the commandment of God unto being rewarded with the crown of life to live eternally on earth. Unfortunately, he was deceived unto disobeying God in eating of the forbidden fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, which held a promise of death instead. The commandment of God is life everlasting to those that fully obey it, but death to those that disobey it. The Master made us to know this in his doctrine.

Jn 12: 49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. **Vr.50** And I know that his commandment is life everlasting:

Rom 6: 23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gen 2:7-17 (Vr.16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: **Vr.17** But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Gen 3: 11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? **Vr.12** And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

Adam's sin brought about death instead of life eternal. God punished the whole of mankind, the offshoot that was to come from Adam with a kind of life that would terminate or end in

physical death in a sinful world. This will happen before one faces an everlasting judgment that would take place to determine if the soul would partake of everlasting punishment known as the second death or of eternal life through Christ Jesus as it were. **Mtt 25:45-46; Rev 20:11-15**

Gen 3:17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life [*long life instituted*]; **Vr.19** In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art [*made mortal*], and unto dust shalt thou return. **Vr.21** Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them. **Vr.22** And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: **Vr.23** Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

Hebr 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

For Man to experience the punishment of physical death in the world, Adam's body cum flesh had to be made mortal and terrestrial. Adam was made a little lower than the angels unto partaking of the suffering of death. How? his celestial body that was flesh and bone was made to have blood in it, thereby making him mortal and natural. Adam's offspring through Eve was to become human beings as mortals as a resultant effect, for the suffering of physical death on earth. Long life is of the physical body or flesh, and is also aborted/truncated by physical death in the flesh as it were, but not so for the life of the soul of man. **Hebr 2:7,9,14,16; Jam 2:26**

Gen 2: 21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; **Vr.22** And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. **Vr.23** And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh [*without blood*]: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

Gen 3:20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living [*human beings*]. **Vr.21** Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

Gen 4: 1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD. **Vr.2** And she again bare his brother Abel.

Adam was de-robed of immortality in the flesh and was clothed with mortality in the flesh for the suffering of physical death in this terrestrial world unto producing flesh and blood as children of men through the woman but in the beginning it was not so and it shall not be so at

the ending too. Sin brought in death in the flesh as a temporal punishment for all mankind in this world of flesh. Therefore we are burdened by this mortal flesh until we are clothed from above again. **I Cor 11:8-12; Mk 10:6; Gen 2:21-23; 2 Cor 5:2-4; Rom 8:22-23; Phil 3:20-21**

Rom 5: 12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: **Vr.14** Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

Gen 5:1-5 (Vr.3 And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth: **Vr.5** And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.

Long life on earth began as a result of the condemnation of Adam to the punishment of death as a terrestrial being with a mortal flesh having blood within, rather than continuing with the immortal body without blood as he had from the beginning when we was formed. Physical death is the enemy of long life in man but shall be defeated at the end in the time of the regeneration. **I Cor 15:26,55-56; Mtt 19:27-29; Rom 5:12,14,17-21; Rom 6:23; Gen 6:3**

I Cor 15: 38 But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. **Vr.39** All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. **Vr.40** There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. **Vr.44** It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

Every flesh having the breath of life in it has its life tied to the blood flowing within its veins and is limited by death to long life in this world. This is the nature of the fallen man on earth as it were. **Gen 9:4-6; Ps 90:3-12**

Gen 6: 3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. **Vr.17** And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and everything that is in the earth shall die.

Lev 17: 14 For it is the life of all flesh; the blood of it is for the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh: for the life of all flesh is the blood thereof: whosoever eateth it shall be cut off.

Adam and Eve were blocked and prevented from taking of the tree of life in their transgression. So they were cast out of the garden because God had a restoration agenda for man that shall

grant the redeemed access to eat of that same tree in righteousness and holiness instead at the end. **Gen 3:22-24; Rev 2:7**

The flesh of the fallen man is what is subject to long life as limited by physical death but not his soul and spirit which are everlasting as it were. The flesh of man has a time duration appointed unto it upon the earth to live as determined by God, after which it shall return to the dust from whence it was taken. Each component of the tripartite man has its own kind of life – long, everlasting and eternal as the case may be. We recommend that you get and read our literature titled “The Tripartite Being Called Man” for more insight on this. **Gen 3:19; Jam 2:26; Isa 42:5; Eccl 8:8; Ps 31:15; Job 7:1-3**

THE MERCY OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS PROMISED AND IMPLEMENTED

During the time that God pronounced punishment upon Mankind at the fall of Adam, He also made provision for the restoration of Man even before He cast Adam and Eve out into the world of sin and death. When? The LORD God spoke about the seed of the woman that was to come to bruise the head of the serpent. How? The Lamb of God that was slain from the foundation of the world and was to be manifested in the fullness of time to kick start the actual redemption agenda of God for Man on earth as He prophesied from the initial. **Gal 4:1-7; Lk 1:67-79; Acts 3:22-26; Rom 5:8-11; Tit 1:2; Eph 1:4-5**

Gen 3: 14-15 (Vr.15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Rev 13: 8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

I Pet 1:18-24 (Vr.18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; **Vr.19** But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: **Vr.20** Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

Jesus Christ was made the mediator between God and man for this redemptive purpose. God did not utterly forsake Mankind but had mercy in His judgment even then. The divine restoration plan involved the making of the Son of God from heaven to partake of flesh and blood like human beings unto the suffering of death; and to resurrect from the dead on the third day to glory in heaven. Why? So that all those that come to believe in this glorified Christ

in the faith of the true gospel preached on earth shall be reconciled to God for their salvation. How? through repentance for the forgiveness and remission of sins. **2 Cor 5:17-21**

Jn 1:1-3 (Vr.14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Lk 24:44-48 (Vr.46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: **Vr.47** And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

I Tim 2:3-6 (Vr.5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

Jn 6: 40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

They also that truly believe and obey Christ shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost and power to become sons of God by faith as an image in this world. For where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty. Without receiving the Spirit of Christ in baptism you are none of his and shall not partake of the resurrection of the just unto life in the heavenly kingdom to come. **2 Tim 2:19; Acts 5:29-32; 2 Cor 3:17; Mtt 3:11**

Jn 1:11-13 (Vr.12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Rom 8: 9-11 (Vr.9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. **Vr.11** But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Gal 4:4-7 (Vr.4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, **Vr.5** To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. **Vr.6** And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

The fallen man that becomes a saint of God on earth, and is found till the end in Christ Jesus, is promised a restoration again to the glorious, celestial nature of Man before the fall. This shall be by reason of the eternal salvation that comes by Christ Jesus at the last day, the day of the first resurrection from the dead and an eternal inheritance to go with it reserved in heaven by God for such.

THE COMMENCEMENT OF LONG LIFE AND ITS DECREASE

Life, no matter how long it is on earth, is but a twinkle of an eye before God but human beings who count their days and years upon the earth as something special to be desired in their fallen state see it as being quite long but in God's eye it is short. **Ps 90:4; Ps 89:47-48; Lk 12:16-21**

2 Pet 3: 8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

And so it was beginning with the fallen Adam and his generation after him. Methuselah turned out to be the longest living human being ever on earth, but having no godly testimony ascribed to him at his demise. Generally at this time men lived for the sake of populating the world with sons and daughters as it were, carnal fruitfulness in an evil world. The man Enoch that did that which pleased God, having a good testimony from God concerning him, did not live as long as those of his time unlike his own son, Methuselah. Why? because God took him early just as He had done for those that please Him over the ages too. **Hebr 11:5; 2 Kings 2:11; Mk 6:23-31; Lk 24:18-21**

Gen 5: 5 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died. **Vr.22** And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: **Vr.23** And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: **Vr.24** And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him. **Vr.27** And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died.

The long life span of man on earth was to be drastically reduced by God's prophetic declaration. This was likely due to the wickedness that was in men that populated the world, being immersed in violence, corruption and wickedness. Sin reigned over men and the longer they lived the more wickedness and evil was made manifest through them in the world.

Gen 6: 3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. **Vr.8** But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. **Vr.5** And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. **Vr.6** And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

God was wroth with men in the world and decided to eliminate all flesh that had breath in them on earth by a flood. But Noah found grace in the sight of the LORD. He and his family members were spared from the destruction of the flood by building an ark in obedience to God's commandment to him. Noah and his family began a fresh generation of human species on the earth again after the flood, but the result was no different, evil was yet prevalent. **Gen 9:20-27**

Gen 6: 9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God. **Vr.10** And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. **Vr.11** The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. **Vr.12** And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. **Vr.13** And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

Gen 10:31 These are the sons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations. **Vr.32** These are the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and by these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood.

Down the generations of men, from Terah the father of Abraham, the life span of men began to be below the two hundred years mark and lower in age as it were. Abraham did not live up to the age of his father Terah nor did Jacob the age of his father Isaac and so on.

Gen 11: 31 And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran his son' son, and Sarai his daughter in law, his son Abram' wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there. **Vr.32** And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years: and Terah died in Haran.

Gen 25: 7 And these are the days of the years of Abraham' life which he lived, an hundred threescore and fifteen years. **Vr.8** Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people.

Gen 35:27 And Jacob came unto Isaac his father unto Mamre, unto the city of Arbah, which is Hebron, where Abraham and Isaac sojourned. **Vr.28** And the days of Isaac were an hundred and fourscore years. **Vr.29** And Isaac gave up the ghost, and died, and was gathered unto his people, being old and full of days: and his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

Gen 47: 7 And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and set him before Pharaoh: and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. **Vr.8** And Pharaoh said unto Jacob, How old art thou? **Vr.9** And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage are an hundred and thirty years: few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, and have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage. **Vr.27** And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the country of Goshen; and they had possessions therein, and grew, and multiplied exceedingly. **Vr.28** And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years: so the whole age of Jacob was an hundred forty and seven years.

THE PROMISE OF LONG LIFE WAS OF THE OLD COVENANT

Under the old covenant, in the Law of Moses God promised long life to the children of Israel that would hearken unto His commandments to do them in the Promised Land of Canaan by which they were to live therein. The Law of Moses was a law of sin and death, having the promise of long life in-between for those that shall live by it obediently. It also had the promise of earthly blessings predicated on obedience of God's commandments by the children of Israel. The Law and the Prophets held the promise of long life for man on earth. **I Cor 15:56; Rom 8:2; Jam 1:14-15; Hebr 10:28; Deu 28:1-15**

Deu 4: 40 Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day [*Why?*], that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which the LORD thy God giveth thee, for ever.

Deu 32:45-47 (Vr.46 And he said unto them, Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day, which ye shall command your children to observe to do, all the words of this law. **Vr.47** For it is not a vain thing for you; because it is your life: and through this thing ye shall prolong your days in the land, whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.

Prov 3:1 My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: **Vr.2** For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.

The first specific commandment as contained in the Ten Commandments of God engraved in the two tables of stone given to Moses on the mount that came with the promise of long life was contained in this commandment,

Exo 20:12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Eph 6: 2 Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) **Vr.3** That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

Moses the prophet himself that gave the Law to the children of Israel had his own life cut short with Aaron his brother because of their error in judgment at various times. Moses had been faithful in all God's house until that occurrence at the waters of Meribah. Moses was allowed by God to see the Promised Land from afar but was not allowed to live long in order to set foot upon it, as punishment for his act of disobedience. Generally, this is the bane of the carnal, natural man on earth who is overcome by the flesh as it were. **Num 20:12-13; Deu 32:48-52**

Deu 34:1-12 (Vr.4 And the LORD said unto him, This is the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed: I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither. **Vr.5** So Moses the servant of the LORD died there

in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD. **Vr.7** And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.

Reduction in the years that men live in this wicked and sinful world continue to be stated in the Scriptures over time. Unfortunately, men live to die in this world as it were. Generally the natural man prays to live long in the world to their folly, even though they know that such is vain and subject to sorrows, sin and death thereof yet they crave for it lustfully. **Job 30:23; Gen 3:17-19**

Ps 90:9 For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told. **Vr.10** The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

Jn 6:31 Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat. **Vr.32** Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; **Vr.49** Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

THE VANITY OF LONG LIFE

King Solomon was given a rare opportunity by God to ask for whatsoever it is in the whole wide world that he would want God to do for him, whatsoever he desired. He did not ask for that which the natural man asks for even Believers of Christ today, but rather he asked for that which was pleasing to and at the heart of God, which was wisdom and discernment to judge. But by the other things, which the Gentiles seek for, that God added to Solomon's life, he ended up making a shipwreck of his walk with the LORD. He disobeyed God's commandment which was to result in the splitting of the kingdom of Israel into two in the time of his son after him, king Rehoboam and the truncating of his long life on earth. **Mtt 6:24,32; 1 Kings 11:1-13; I Tim 6:5-10**

2 Chron 1:5-12 (Vr.7 In that night did God appear unto Solomon, and said unto him, Ask what I shall give thee. **Vr.9** Now, O LORD God, let thy promise unto David my father be established: for thou hast made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude. **Vr.10** Give me now wisdom and knowledge that I may go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this thy people, that is so great? **Vr.11** And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king: **Vr.12** Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings have had that have been before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like.

I Kings 3:10-14 (Vr.11 And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment; **Vr.14** And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.

King Solomon in his latter days lamented so much of the vanity of life on earth in his writings for men to learn from but yet that is not so with even Believers today. Many still seek to be like him believing that they can do better and escape the pitfalls that he spoke extensively about in the books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Lamentations. Those that seek long life usually seek riches, prosperity and good health to go with it for the enjoyment of the pleasures of the things of this world to their shame and error. He that loves the world and the things that are in the world have not the love of the Father in him. **Prov 8:10-11; Prov 11:4; I Jn 2:15-17**

Ecc 6: 3 If a man beget an hundred children , and live many years, so that the days of his years be many, and his soul be not filled with good, and also that he have no burial; I say, that an untimely birth is better than he [*Why?*]. **Vr.4** For he cometh in with vanity, and departeth in darkness, and his name shall be covered with darkness. **Vr.5** Moreover he hath not seen the sun, nor known any thing: this hath more rest than the other. **Vr.6** Yea, though he live a thousand years twice told [*long life indeed*], yet hath he seen no good: do not all go to one place?

King Hezekiah in his own time was to have his life cut short so that he may exit the world gloriously, having been approved by God in his past good deeds. Unfortunately, having not learnt from King Solomon, like the natural man, he sought for long life. He ended up using the fifteen years that was added to his life by God to do that which would end Judah in captivity in Babylon subsequently. During the same time frame he beat a son, Manasseh that was to be one of the most evil, rebellious king that Israel ever had as it were. These being the evil consequence of living long on this wicked and adulterous world which men even of the New Testament are made to still clamour for till date. **2 Kings 21:1-16**

2 Kings 20:1-21 (Vr.1 In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live. **Vr.2** Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, saying, **Vr.5** Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the LORD. **Vr.6** And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David' sake. **Vr.17** Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this

day, shall be carried into Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD. **Vr.18** And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon. **Vr.21** And Hezekiah slept with his fathers: and Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

The vanity of long life, which is but a short span in the eyes of God, is the end thereof. Whether such a person be a saint or a wicked person their bodies that live long all end up as dust in the grave on earth as it were. Solomon calls it all the days of your life of vanity. **Ps 39:1-13; Ps 90:1-12; Job 14:1-13; Eccl 9:9,12**

Eccl 9:2 All things come alike to all: there is one event to the righteous, and to the wicked; to the good and to the clean, and to the unclean; to him that sacrificeth, and to him that sacrificeth not: as is the good, so is the sinner; and he that sweareth, as he that feareth an oath. **Vr.3** This is an evil among all things that are done under the sun, that there is one event unto all: yea, also the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live, and after that they go to the dead.

Gen 3:16-19 (Vr.16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; **Vr.17** cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; **Vr.19** In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Ps 89:47 Remember how short my time is: wherefore hast thou made all men in vain? **Vr.48** What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death [*corruption*]? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?

Eccl 8:12 Though a sinner do evil an hundred times, and his days be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him: **Vr.11** Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil. **Vr.13** But it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong his days, which are as a shadow; because he feareth not before God. **Vr.14** There is a vanity which is done upon the earth; that there be just men, unto whom it happeneth according to the work of the wicked; again, there be wicked men, to whom it happeneth according to the work of the righteous: I said that this also is vanity.

Those that live to very ripe old age generally end up being like little children again, who are dependent on others to help and carry them about, reasoning like kids too. Their bodily functions continue to degrade, failing them and many begin even to wish for death to come as they deteriorate all round. They end up becoming a load of burden for their children. **Isa 57:1-2**

Jn 21: 17-19 (Vr.18) Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not. **Vr.19** This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.

Eccl 12:1-8 (Vr.1) Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; **Vr.2** While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain: **Vr.3** In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened, **Vr.4** And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of musick shall be brought low; **Vr.5** Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets: **Vr.7** Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. **Vr.8** Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all is vanity.

HOW IS LIFE IN THIS WORLD?

What does the Bible in general have to say about men's life in this world, the nature of it? This would help give insight to the ignorance and captivity of those that yet seek length of days in it even as they claim to be born again in Christ.

Jam 4:13-16 (Vr.14) Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

Mtt 6:30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

Jam 1:10 But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away. **Vr.11** For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.

I Pet 1: 24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

Eccl 5:14 But those riches perish by evil travail: and he begetteth a son, and there is nothing in his hand. **Vr.15** As he came forth of his mother' womb, naked shall he return to go as he came,

and shall take nothing of his labour, which he may carry away in his hand. **Vr.16** And this also is a sore evil, that in all points as he came, so shall he go: and what profit hath he that hath laboured for the wind? **Vr.17** All his days also he eateth in darkness, and he hath much sorrow and wrath with his sickness.

Lk 12:15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

Jn 12:25 He that loveth his life shall lose it;

JESUS CHRIST DID NOT PROMISE US LONG LIFE BUT ETERNAL LIFE

The mediator of the New Testament, our Master Jesus Christ never promised those that shall believe in his name through the true gospel long life on earth, but rather the life that he promised to give was everlasting cum eternal life. Unfortunately, the Ministers of the People (MOP) of the Church as a business organization (CAO) teach and pray otherwise. As we had opined from the previous chapters of this literature, the promise of long life is of the Law and the Prophets of the Old Testament as it were. The New Testament is predicated on better promises which are spiritual and eternal. **Hebr 3:1-6; Acts 3:22-23**

Jn 1: 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Jn 6:31-58 (Vr.32 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. **Vr.33** For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. **Vr.40** And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day [*after long life on earth*]. **Vr.47** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. **Vr.49** Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and [*had long life but*] are dead. **Vr.50** This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die [*those that receive long life in this world shall die*]. **Vr.54** Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. **Vr.58** This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

God did not promise us long life, but eternal life in Christ Jesus under the New Covenant by which He replaced the Old Covenant. It was the Law that promised long life to those that kept diligently to it. While those that keep the law of Christ till the end are promised eternal life. The Scriptures of the Law and the Prophets do not have the promise of eternal life embedded in it;

rather it is grace and truth that came by the gospel of Jesus Christ that have. **Exo 20:12; Eph 6:2-3; Hebr 8:6-9; Hebr 10:9**

Gal 3: 21 Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life [eternal], verily righteousness should have been by the law. **Vr.22** But the scriptures shut up all things under sin that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

Some men under the Law sought for how to inherit eternal life therein, but could not because it was of a promise by faith in Christ Jesus which hope was meant to be obtainable under the New Testament and not the old. The Jewish lawyer and the young rich ruler all came to Jesus seeking for eternal life and the Master answered them accordingly. **Lk 10:25-28**

Mtt 19:16-30 (Vr.16 And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? **Vr.17** And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. **Vr.18** He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, **Vr.19** Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. **Vr.20** The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? **Vr.21** Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. **Vr.28** And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. **Vr.29** And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

Jn 5:39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. **Vr.40** And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life [eternal].

The Lamb of God was crucified, buried and raised from the dead that he might save you from sins and receive life eternal from the Father to give unto all that believe in him at the end. The Master did not die in order to give you long life still in this world, but eternal life in the world to come as it were. **Jn 17:1-5**

Jn 3:14-17 (Vr.14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: **Vr.15** That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Jn 10:10 I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. **Vr.11** I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. **Vr.27** My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: **Vr.28** And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

Jn 6: 39-40 (Vr.40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

I Jn 2:24-25 (Vr.25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.

I Jn 5:9-13 (Vr.11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. **Vr.12** He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

WHY DID JESUS NOT PROMISE US LONG LIFE?

Long life has to do with the maximum life possible for this earthly flesh or mortal body to survive in this world before death. But Christ came rather to save our soul, which is everlasting and the kind of life that the dying soul needs in order to live is everlasting life. The Master came to give our soul life in the place of death determined for it due to sin. Physical death terminates long life but not everlasting life as it were. So which do you want still? If Christ really came to give us long life again then we would have reverted to living long like Methuselah as it was in the beginning after the fall of Adam but that is not what he came for. **Hebr 9:27; Mk 8:35; Rev 12:11**

In addition, Christ came to put to death sin in the mortal flesh in order that by the resurrection he might clothe us with immortality and life as new creatures. Christ is the Resurrection and life, without receiving eternal life from him no man can approach nor see God. Therefore, Christ is the way, the truth and the life by which this can be made possible. The Master did not come to save our flesh from physical death, but rather to save our soul from the second death. **Jn 14:6; Jn 5:24; Jn 1:29; Rom 7:5-6; Rom 8:3; Rom 6:6-8**

Jn 11:21-27 (Vr.21 Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. **Vr.23** Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. **Vr.24** Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. **Vr.25** Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead [*cutting short long life*], yet shall he live [*everlasting*]: **Vr.26** And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

Mtt 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

The primary focus of Christ is not to give long life to your mortal flesh, but to give life to the dying soul, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. For which cause the Lord God had said the soul that sinneth shall die. **Rom 3:23; Ezek 18:4,20**

A living soul having a celestial body with a life that is everlasting is the end result of that which Christ promises us in his doctrine. It is the CAO that primarily focuses men erroneous on seeking long life and prosperity in this world through their another "Prosperity" gospel. They keep men continually fearing physical death unto being still held in the bondage thereof contrary to what Christ came for and taught. **Lk 12:15-21**

Jn 12:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. **Vr.25** He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. **Vr.26** If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be:

Hebr 2: 14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; **Vr.15** And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Long life is for the flesh/body of man on earth, while eternal life is for the soul and spirit of man that is redeemed from death. Christ came so that our soul can have access to eternal life and not to give our flesh long life on earth. Instead, it is actually the Devil and his cohorts that deceive men with the promise of long life, escape from death, freedom, fame, and worldly prosperity in the another gospel that they peddle. **Rev 2:7; Rev 22:12-14; Gen 3:22; 2 Pet 2:17-22; I Tim 6:5-7**

Jn 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth: the flesh profiteth nothing:

Gal 6:7-9 (Vr.8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

Mk 8:34-38 (Vr.35 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. **Vr.36** For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world [*having long life and prosperity*], and lose his own soul [*to eternal damnation*]?

Lk 4:5-8 (Vr.5 And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. **Vr.6** And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. **Vr.7** If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.

Furthermore, the kingdom that Christ promises as an inheritance for those that believe in him is a kingdom that cannot be moved and is everlasting, not as the earthly kingdom of the Promised Land in the Law. We need everlasting life to live in this kingdom and not the life that flesh and blood carries. **Lk 22:28-30; Hebr 12:28**

I Cor 15: 50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

Jn 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Jn 14:2-3 (Vr.2 I go to prepare a place for you. **Vr.3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Hebr 9:15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

Again, why is it that it is not long life that Christ promised to the saints of God? Because long life is the best hope of those that are born once of the flesh and sinners, who have not the hope or the understanding of eternal life in them, seek long life instead. Death that came through sin has dominion over such. But Christ is a mediator of a better covenant which is established on better promises that are eternal. That is why he demands that one must be born again, born of the Spirit because the Spirit is life for all those that receive him, who shall quicken our mortal bodies on that day. Christ came to give us a life that death whether physical or otherwise cannot have dominion over. **Hebr 8:6; Rom 8:9-11; Rev 20:4-6**

Jn 3:3-12 (Vr.3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. **Vr.4** Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old [*having lived long life*]? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? **Vr.5** Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. **Vr.6** That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. **Vr.7** Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

I Cor 15: 19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. **Vr.20** But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

Those that are born of the flesh, who walk after the flesh minding the things of the flesh, are they that desire earnestly for long life and prosperity. Such love the things that are in the world and the pleasures thereof, being ignorant of the better promises that are in Christ Jesus. They

set their affections on the temporal things beneath rather than on the things above where Christ is seated. **Rom 8:5-6; I Jn 2:15-17; 2 Tim 3:1-4; I Tim 5:6; Colo 3:1-5; 2 Cor 4:16-18; Jn 8:23-24**

THE MASTER SET US ON THE PATH LEADING TO LIFE ETERNAL

Our Lord and Master Jesus Christ came with the gospel of truth by which all those that hear him in his doctrine and believe unto obeying his commandments come unto the knowledge and understanding of the mystery of eternal life. Before the faith that is by Christ Jesus came, men were kept ignorant of these mysteries even in the Scriptures for it was hidden from the men of old. It is through the gospel of Jesus Christ that the mystery was revealed. **Mtt 13:10-12,17,34-35; Gal 3:22-27; Gal 4:1-7; Colo 2:2-4; Colo 1:26-27**

2 Tim 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, **Vr.10** But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life [*eternal*] and immortality to light through the gospel:

Jn18:36-38 (Vr.36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. **Vr.37** Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

Jn 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way [*that leadeth to life eternal in God*], the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Mtt 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: **Vr.14** Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life [*eternal*], and few there be that find it.

I Cor 9:24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. **Vr.25** And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible [*crown of life*].

Our Lord Jesus Christ came with the word of eternal life which we preach in the resurrection gospel, bringing the promise of eternal life to all that shall believe in him and who endures till the end. Those that obey Christ in his doctrines he baptizes with the Spirit of truth, who is the sure guarantee of the hope of this life in them. And such are begotten unto a lively hope that

has eternal life as a heavenly inheritance as it were. Without being baptized with the Spirit of Christ you have neither the assurance nor witness of this life in you as a son of God. The truth came to shed light of this life to all who shall believe. **Acts 5:20; Acts 13:44-48; Rom 8:9,11; Jn 1:1-9; Colo 1:27**

Jn 17:2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. **Vr.3** And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

I Jn 5: 20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

I Pet 1: 2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied. **Vr.3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **Vr.4** To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, **Vr.5** Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Without your knowing and believing the word of life you cannot receive the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus unto being given the gift of eternal life that is still of Christ Jesus at the end. Unfortunately, many Believers are kept ignorantly hoping for long life, chasing shadows, and worldly riches by their CAO MOPs, who come seducing them with enticing words in their feign doctrines. They set them on broad paths labouring for the meat that perisheth all their lifetime, while claiming that they are living for Christ. Such are blind leaders who know not the mystery of eternal life, neither do they have the word of life in them and therefore they keep their adherents blinded. They cannot give what they do not have. **Mtt 23:13,15; Mtt 24:13; I Jn 2:25-27; 2 Tim 4:2-4; Mtt 3:11; Rom 6:23; Jn 7:37-39; Jn 6:24-27; Lk 11:9-13,52**

Jn 4:10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. **Vr.14** But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. **Vr.36** And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal:

Jn 17:8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. **Vr.14** I have given them thy word; **Vr.17** Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is

truth. **Vr.20** Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

Jn 20: 31 But these are written [*the word of life*], that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life [*eternal*] through his name.

Jn 3:1-12 (Vr.9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? **Vr.10** Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?

Cornelius the centurion needed to hear the word of this life from Peter in order to be baptized with the Holy Ghost of promise unto being saved with his entire household. **Acts 10:22,34-48**

Acts 11:13-18 (Vr.14 Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved. **Vr.15** And as I began to speak [*the word of this life*], the Holy Ghost [*the Spirit of life*] fell on them, as on us at the beginning. **Vr.16** Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. **Vr.18** When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

Many of the CAO find the word of life to be of hard sayings, and therefore having itching ears they heap themselves with those preachers that tinkle their fancy with enticing words of men's wisdom that they want to hear instead. And the people love to have it so. Take heed that no man deceive you and be ye not servants of men.

Jn 6: 60 Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it? **Vr.61** When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you? **Vr.66** From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. **Vr.67** Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? **Vr.68** Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. **Vr.69** And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

All those that are baptized with the Spirit of life and live by the word of life in this world till the end shall hear the voice of the Master in the grave and be raised unto life everlasting on the last day. That is our hope, which we are assured of in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, as we live by the Spirit of grace producing good fruits that are pleasing unto the Father in love. **Jn 15:8,15-16**

Jn 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. **Vr.28** Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, **Vr.29** And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life [*everlasting*]; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

CONCLUSION

As many as have understanding of the mysteries of the kingdom of God as revealed by the Spirit of truth within them seek for eternal life. We are saved by hope and therefore have eternal life as a lively hope in us having the full assurance of that promise in Christ by the indwelling Spirit of life we received in baptism and are led by till the end.

The saints have eternal life in them as an image in the same way that they have the kingdom of God within them, but on that day we shall receive of the true of both at the glorious appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Lk 17:20-21**

Rom 8: 24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? **Vr.25** But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

Tit 1:1 Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness; **Vr.2** In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began; **Vr.3** But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching,

Titus 3:4-8 (**Vr.5** Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; **Vr.6** Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; **Vr.7** That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.)

2 Tim 1: 1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus, **Vr.9** Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, **Vr.10** But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

Rom 2: 5-7 (**Vr.7** To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:

Eternal life has to do with immortality and not mortality. Those that shall have eternal life truly must be made immortal, incorruptible and celestial as it were. As mortal saints of God we have the hope of eternal life presently in us being filled with the Spirit and word of life in wisdom and understanding that is in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is how we can be said to have eternal life within us as saints on earth as an image, but not the true yet.

Eternal life is immortality of life and those that have it shall not be hurt by the second death and shall come into their heavenly inheritance in Christ Jesus. Death does not have dominion over those that have come into eternal life, until such time such shall yet be subject to death the last enemy on earth. For a man that is flesh and blood to have eternal life such must die and be raised to life on the last day. **I Cor 15:20-26**

Lk 20: 34 And Jesus answering said unto them, The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage: **Vr.35** But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: **Vr.36** Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.

I Cor 15:37-57 (Vr.36 Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: **Vr. 40** There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: **Vr.42** So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: **Vr.44** It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. **Vr.49** And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. **Vr.50** Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. **Vr.52** In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. **Vr.53** For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. **Vr.54** So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. **Vr.55** O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? [*that is when you have life eternal*]

Eternal life is the crown of life that those that have fought the good fight of faith and run the heavenly race lawfully and successfully to the finish shall be rewarded with. You cannot be crowned until the race is over and the judge announces the winners in the day of judgment. It is the promised inheritance in Christ Jesus for the saints that are heirs of the heavenly kingdom.

I Tim 6: 12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, **Vr.14** That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Jam 1: 12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

Rev 2: 10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

2 Tim 4:6-8 (Vr.7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:
Vr.8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Unfortunately, the CAO MOPs preach otherwise, teaching in their another gospel that they have eternal life already. Meanwhile, they still engage themselves in continually praying for long life and prosperity on earth. How can one have eternal life and yet be praying for long life? This is the error in interpretation of the gospel of truth of which as blind religious leaders the CAO MOPs mislead their adherents. They are afraid of death and are always given to praying against dying young and coming against death, while in another breath claim they have eternal life, what a delusion and error in understanding. **Mtt 15:13-14; Mtt 22:29**

Come out from amongst them, and be ye separate and seek for the word of truth in the Spirit of truth from the Master in order that ye might be truly saved. No man can enter into eternal life in ignorance but rather it has to be in understanding.

May the eyes of your understanding be opened that ye may walk in the truth unto possessing eternal life at the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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