

Receiving Eternal Life



Activity

Make a list of the five most important decisions you will make in your life. Put them in order, with 1 being the most important.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Composition

Summarize what each verse teaches or promises about eternal life.

Romans 6:23 _____

Titus 1:2 _____

1 John 5:13 _____

Discussion

As a group decide on the five most important decisions in life, and rate them according to how the world would rate them and how a Christian should rate them. Explain to the group your reasons for listing your important decisions in a specific order.

Biblical Insight

God's Word not only promises eternal life, but also instructs us how to receive it. Although the Word of God has been used to confirm scientific, social, and economic facts, its primary purpose has always been to give spiritual truth. The first words in the Bible, "In the beginning God . . .," clearly denote God as the Creator of the universe. The last words of the Bible, "the grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen," therefore establish the purpose of His creation, the reason for our existence, and that the only means to know God is by Jesus Christ. Unless the Bible is looked upon as the

Word of God to us, then we can never perceive its true intent, which is to provide for us the promise and means to eternal life.

Peter recognized that Jesus had the words of eternal life. Second Timothy 1:10 teaches that Jesus "destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." One of the benefits of God's Word is that it continually reminds us and teaches us of the promise of eternal life.

Evaluation

Reevaluate your list made in the Activity section. Have your priorities changed since the beginning of this meeting? Do they need to change?
