

# “I believe in life everlasting”

LIVING THE CREED: CONNECTING LIFE AND FAITH IN THE APOSTLES CREED · JOHN 17:3 · AUGUST 28, 2022 · PASTOR NIC FRIDENMAKER

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*“Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.” (John 17:3)*

## **Eternal Life Then (Genesis 2,3)**

- What We Had
- How We Forgot

## **Eternal Life Now (John 17:2-3, Ephesians 1:17-23)**

- What We Can Remember
- How We Can Flourish

## **Eternal Life in the Future (1 Corinthians 15, Revelations 22)**

- What Is Ahead
- How We Can Endure

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- This week we continue our series, “Living the Creed” by exploring this statement from the Apostles’ Creed: “I believe in life everlasting.” Begin your study in prayer by asking God to speak to you through His Word.
- Spend time listing out all the ideas that you have about what eternal life should be?
- Now, re-read the accounts in Genesis of life in the garden, Do these two align? What should you take away from your list, what should you add?
- Life today can throw us for a loop, but we are called to eternal life now, through knowing Christ. Name some ways that your community or yourself has shown you this eternal life? What are some ways in which you don’t exhibit eternal life?
- In light of the resurrected body and “life everlasting”, how can you we think about how our lives should reflect these truths today?
- What is one thing you learned or God is speaking to you about our everlasting life? If you’re in a small group, share that with one another. If you are on your own, write it down and share it with someone this week. Conclude your study in prayer.

## **DIG DEEPER:**

This week dig deeper in one or more of the following ways:

1. Memorize John 17:2-3
2. For further study on the eternal life, read John 17. Underline or write down what you notice about how Jesus was praying that eternal life be imbued into His followers. Discuss or share your thoughts/questions with a friend.
3. Watch the Bible Project video, “Eternal Life”: [bibleproject.com/explore/video/eternal-life/](https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/eternal-life/)
4. Consider reading:
  - Eugene Peterson, *Living the Resurrection: The Risen Christ in Everyday Life*
  - Amy Sherman, *Agents of Flourishing: Pursuing Shalom in Every Corner of Society*