



25. Three Promises

The Bible tells us we must believe in Jesus. In John 1:10, we must receive Jesus ... believe in His name to become God's children. In John 3:7 & 3:16, we must be born again by believing in Jesus to have eternal life. Then in John 5:24, Jesus gives three great promises to those of us who have believed in Him. Listen to His words, *"He who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life."* In that verse, Jesus gives us three promises ... promises to us as believers.

The first promise is that we have eternal life. That's present tense. We don't get eternal life when we die.

We have eternal life as our present possession from the moment we believe in Jesus. It's ours now.

The second promise is that we will never come into some future judgment that determines whether or not we get into Heaven. John 3:18 states that, "*He who believes in Him [that is, in Jesus] is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*" So, a non-believer is already judged and faces a no-escape, no second-chance future White Throne judgment as described at the end of Revelation 20. But you and I will never face that future condemning judgment. That's the 2nd promise of John 5:24.

The third promise is that we have already passed out of death into life. We are alive in Christ now ... and alive in Him for all eternity!