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THE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”
John 3:16 NLT

Eternal life is not an event that begins when we die. Eternal life begins when we invite Jesus into our hearts. The moment we allow Jesus to reign over our hearts, we’ve already begun our eternal journeys.

As a thoughtful Christian parent, it’s important to remind your child that **God’s plans** are not limited to the ups and downs of everyday life. In fact, the ups and downs of the daily grind are, quite often, impossible for us to understand. **As mere mortals**, our understanding of the present and our visions for the future - like our lives here on earth - are **limited**. God’s vision is not burdened by such limitations: **His plans** extend throughout all eternity: **And we must trust Him even when we cannot understand the particular details of His plan.**

So let us praise the Creator for His priceless gift, and let us share the Good News with all who cross our paths. We return our Father’s love by accepting His grace and by sharing is message and His love. When we do, we are blessed here on earth and throughout all eternity. **AMEN.**

The gift of God is eternal life, spiritual life, abundant life through faith in Jesus Christ, the Living Word of God.

~Anne Graham Lotz

Teach us to set our hopes on heaven, to hold firmly to the promise of eternal life, so that we can withstand the struggles and storms of this world.

~Max Lucado

Just then someone came up and asked Him, “Teacher, what good must I do to have eternal life?” “Why do you ask Me about what is good?” He said to him. “There is only One who is good. If you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.”

Matthew 19:16-17 HCSB

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“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20

