

The Lord's Day Evening

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"I Believe in Everlasting Life"
Scripture Lesson – Revelation 22:1-17

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Introduction

1. Resume
 - a. Last in series of sermons
 1. I have enjoyed preaching them.
 2. I trust they have been helpful.
 - b. Last Sunday "Resurrection of Body"
2. Tonight see consummation of whole

I. Bible meaning of life

1. Death
 - a. Physical death
 - b. Spiritual death
2. Life
 - a. Physical life
 - b. Spiritual life
 - c. One may be physically alive but spiritually dead
3. How come to have spiritual life
 - a. Comes through faith in what God does for us
 1. Previous portions of creed
 - b. Christ comes to dwell in us
 1. John 5:24-25
 2. John 3:16, 36
 3. John 3:6 (born again)

II. When do I come to possess it

1. Have it now
 - a. John 3:36
 - b. We should realize the greatness of this truth
2. I grow in this life
 - a. Physical fades
 1. 2 Corinthians 4:7, 16
 2. See physical grow more and more wan. Beautiful bride fades. Mrs. Hugh Pettit said she was beautiful as a young woman; showed me clippings when she was young which spoke of her beauty. She saw young embalmer at doctor's office and told him to make her as beautiful as possible. However, time had left its mark. Her body had deteriorated. Time had taken its toll.

- b. Spiritually we grow
 - 1. Have spark of life in us. It is eternal.
 - 2. Grows more and more like Christ. (Philippians 3:14; Ephesians 4:13)
 - c. Contrast bodily dying with spiritual living
 - 1. That bride becomes beautiful
 - 2. See contrast of physically beautiful woman whose face grows hard and loses it young beauty and is not replaced by inward beauty.
 - d. Little baby tiny hands and feet grows and features remain proportionate but then begins to fade.
 - 1. But soul grows
- 3. Soul finally perfected
- 4. Put into perfect body

III. Characteristics of Everlasting Life

- 1. Have perfected body
 - a. Revelation 21:4
- 2. Fellowship
 - a. Revelation 21:2, 3
 - 1. In house of God
 - b. 1 Thessalonians 4:17
 - 1. Will be together
 - c. All discord will be removed
 - 1. Revelation 22:3
 - 2. Revelation 21:8
 - d. I believe in communion of saints
 - 1. Here have foretaste
- 3. Knowledge
 - a. John 17:3 (Know God and Christ perfectly)
 - b. John 13:7
 - c. 1 Corinthians 13:12
 - 1. Know in part
 - 2. Fully know then

Conclusion

- 1. Resume of creed
- 2. Genesis 3:24 – with Revelation 22:2
- 3. Notice we believe Christ has undone all of Satan's work
 - a. He gives us eternal life