

ONE CONDITION FOR RECEIVING ETERNAL LIFE

One condition keeps a person from having eternal life. The most significant influence on determining the well-being of a person is their willingness to cooperate with the Holy Spirit led conviction concerning their personal sin, their need for righteousness, and the fact of judgment coming upon their life. The Holy Spirit leads a cooperating person to a saving faith in Jesus Christ for salvation from sin and eternal life in Christ. God chooses to use the personal testimony of believers, the teaching and preaching of Scripture, along with the internal working of the Spirit to bring about the repentance and the regeneration of the cooperating person. God has no limiting conditions upon Himself for saving a cooperating sinner. But there is this one condition upon a person for receiving eternal life, cooperation with the Holy Spirit leading to receiving Christ as Lord and Savior.

Babies are not born sinners, but they immediately begin responding to the world which is filled with the consequences of sin and begin corrupting the very nature they were born with. Babies are not born guilty, but they become guilty as they grow up and make choices that act against their sense of right and wrong. Accountable people, at some point in their lives, generally respond negatively to Holy Spirit conviction and need to repent and learn to cooperate with Holy Spirit conviction which can bring them to saving faith in Jesus. Continued rejection of this Holy Spirit conviction results in failure to receive eternal life. God freely forgives all other sins.

Because of the sin of Adam, humanity inherits a world filled with the consequences of sin. Since Adam's one sin caused death, suffering, and separations, a second Adam was needed to condemn sin and defeat death. The eternal Son of God became human, lived a sinless life, died a sinless death, being killed by sin itself. Jesus' one act of righteousness, dying a sinless death, condemned sin to execution, extermination, and extinction. Sin killed the sinless Man. Sin is condemned. Romans 8:3

Today, Jesus is taking away sin in believers and receivers of life in Christ. In future judgments, Jesus will take away sin from all of creation. Truly Jesus came to take away the sin of the world. John 1:29

The death and resurrection of Jesus makes eternal life possible for whosoever will believe and receive Him. Romans chapters 5 and 8 John chapters 1,2,and 3

