

"The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven."
1 Corinthians 15:47.

God proved his great love for us by sending his only begotten Son to die on the cross for our sins: then three days later, he rose from the dead. Whoever believes in him has the promise of eternal life and assurance of never perishing. God was able to make this promise because "And all things are of God, who reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ... God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, not counting their sins to them... we plead with you in Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For God had made Jesus to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that in him we might be made the righteousness of God." 2 Corinthians 5:18-21.

On the cross, Jesus took the penalty for all our sin. Then God placed his righteousness in us. This is the reason we have assurance of eternal life! Jesus dying on the cross was not a sign of weakness but of God's love and assurance of eternal life. If you reject God's love, then you will pay the full penalty for your sin in hell separated from God.

The Quran and Jesus Christ

The Quran makes two tremendous admissions, which agree with the Bible, about Christ and are necessary for eternal life. The first found in Sura 19:20 acknowledges his virgin birth, while the second is found in Sura 19:19 which states he lived a sinless life. Both of these admissions together are the foundation that Christ is the Savior: this is two-thirds towards God's promise of eternal life! The final step is repentance from sin and faith in Jesus Christ as Savior which completes God's promise of eternal life in paradise.

Prayer for the Promise of Eternal Life

In the Book of Revelation, which gives a glimpse into heaven, the people there tell us how they obtained eternal life, and also proclaim that heaven is open to all who trust Christ as Savior: "...For you were slain, and has purchased us for God by your blood out of every tribe, and language, and people, and nation." Revelation 5:9. Right now, you can have assurance of eternal life just like the people who already are in paradise.

I invite you to receive God's promise of eternal life with a prayer like this: God, I repent of my sin and turn to Jesus Christ as my Savior. I believe he was born of virgin and was totally sinless. I confess that Christ suffered and died on the cross to pay the penalty for my sin. He bodily rose from the dead. I confess that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Because Christ paid the penalty for my sins, I now know I have God's promise of eternal life. Thank you for sending Jesus Christ as the Savior, and now as a believer, I will follow with water baptism.

Father God, I ask that you heal my broken heart. I forgive anyone who broke my heart. Please heal it of fear, anxiety, terror, hate, depression, bitterness and rejection, and free me of all addictions. Thank you for sending Jesus Christ to heal the brokenhearted.

"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may believe on the name of the Son of God." 1 John 5:13.

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Islam and Promise of Eternal Life



**I give them eternal life: they
shall never perish -John 10:28**



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Nearly every Muslim believer has thoughts of eternal life with hope of a wonderful afterlife. From reading and studying the Quran and Hadiths, it is very clear there is a real paradise and hell. There are several hundred Suras about hell just in the Quran alone. This shows how serious an issue the afterlife is for Muslims.

The Quran describes hell as a terrible place of fire, burning clothes, melting skin and boiling water: "those who abide in the Fire and are given boiling water to drink, which tears apart their intestines." Sura 47:15. Because of the seriousness of the eternal fires of hell, Muslims seek the promise and assurance of living in paradise forever.

Judgment Day: Paradise or Hell

Both the Quran and Hadiths devote significant attention to Judgment Day. Only on this day, Muslims will learn their eternal destiny: whether paradise or hell. The Quran is clear that deeds are not the issue, but only the mercy of Allah. The prophet Muhammad was the perfect Muslim, yet he had no assurance of paradise. He said it was only by Allah's mercy: "None of you will enter Paradise because of his deeds... Not even I, unless Allah covers me with His mercy." Sahih Muslim 2816. If the prophet Muhammad had no assurance, how can anyone? Paradise is not guaranteed but depends on a combination of a believers' good deeds, following Islam's requirements, and the mercy of Allah. For believers, no matter what they do, there is no promise of paradise.

Muslims can keep The Five Pillars of Islam along with the Sunnah, and still have no assurance of eternal life. The Quran states Allah loves the righteous, those who do good and act justly, yet oddly does not promise them paradise. The prophet Muhammad describes "On the Day of Judgment...People will be in sweat according to their deeds. Some will have sweat up to their ankles, some up to their knees, some up to their waists, while others will be bridled by sweat." Sahih Muslim 2864. Because there is no assurance with Islam, believers will be terrified of Judgment Day.

The Bible: Judgment Day and God's Love

While Muslims face terrible fear on Judgment Day, the Bible teaches because of God's promise of eternal life and great love for his people, they all have assurance of eternal life with him.

"Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have assurance in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world." 1 John 4:17.

The love bond between God and those that love him is like the love between a young child and his father: "...you have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we shout with joy, Daddy-Father." Romans 8:15. For believers in Jesus Christ, God is a special loving Father, and this is why there is no fear.

"He that loves not knows not God; for God is love" 1 John 4:8.

The Remedy for Sin

"And this is the promise that he has promised us, even eternal life." 1 John 2:25. Although, God promises eternal life there is a serious problem called sin that needs to be dealt with before you can have this assurance. Sin is violating and breaking God's word. God is holy and cannot allow sin in his presence; therefore, the penalty must be fulfilled. The penalty is death which means both physical and then eternal separation from God in the terrible place called hell.

The problem of sin started with Adam, when he rebelled against God's word. When Adam sinned, he received the penalty which was passed down to all his descendants, so everyone became sinful and thus suffers under this penalty. Because of sin, everyone needs a Savior for all have sinned.

"By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Romans 5:12.

The Promise of Eternal Life

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

God loves all people, but the problem with sin blocks paradise with him. There is no one who can deliver us from sin because everyone from Adam onwards is under the penalty. God's plan sent Jesus Christ from heaven, to be born of a virgin; therefore, he was free from the penalty. Thus, through Christ there is the way to eternal life and paradise: this is God's one and only way.