

Why Does God Offer Us Eternal Life ?

The simple answer is that God is love and love demands a person to be a recipient of that love.

1 John 4:15-19 [NIV] *“If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. **God is love.** Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. We love because he first loved us.”*

Throughout this passage of scripture the word translated “love” is the Greek word “*agapé*” – this is a spontaneous love irrespective of the rights or response of the recipient.

This is a love that is far beyond that which a physical parent can have for their own children, or a husband can have for his wife.

God is also eternal.

Revelation 1:8 [NIV] *“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”*

Revelation 21:6 [NIV] *“He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life.”*

Revelation 22:13 [NIV] *“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”*

Put these two facts together and we see that God has to offer us eternal life to enable us to be the object of His love eternally.

Note I made this statement singular.

John 3:16 [NIV] *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*

God loves all people but this is not just an overall love, it is a very personal love for each of us.

This makes each of us very special in God’s eyes.

Only if we accept that there is a Creator God and that we are **NOT** a by-product of an evolutionary process can we ever understand how special we are.

This Creator God has given us the Christian Bible to explain why we were created.

How does the Creator God view us?

Psalm 8:3-6 [Living Bible] *“When I look up into the night skies and see the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars You have made; I cannot understand how you can bother with mere puny man, to pay any attention to him! And yet you have made him only a little lower than angels, and placed a crown of glory and honour upon his head. You have put him in charge of everything you made, everything is put under his authority.”*

Humanity as a whole is very important to the Creator God.

What about each individual?

Isaiah 49:1 [Amplified Bible] *“Listen to me, o isles and coastlands, and hearken, you people from afar, the Lord [the Creator God] has **called me from the womb**, from the body of my mother He has named my name.”*

Isaiah 44:24 [Amplified Bible] *“Thus says the Lord [the Creator God], your redeemer, and **He who formed you in the womb.**”*

God’s personal interest in each of us began even before we were born.

Each of us are so special to our Creator God that to show this personal love for us He willingly sent His own Son, Jesus the Christ, to die to save us from eternal death.

Jesus Christ came to this earth to free each of us from the deserved death that our rebellious and presumptuous nature has earned us.

Romans 6:23 [NIV] *“For the **wages of sin is death**, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

This is all our life style of rebellion against God can bring eternal death.

How do we rebel against God?

By **not** accepting Him as our Creator God, and living our life based on that understanding.

John 3:16-17 [NIV] *“For God so loved the world that he gave his **one and only Son**, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to **save the world through him.**”*

When the “world” is referred to this includes each individual within that world.

John 3:18-21 [NIV] *“**Whoever** believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. **Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.** But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.”*

Who and what is this light that has come into the world?

John 8:12 [NIV] *“When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “**I am the light of the world.** Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”*

Jesus Christ in person is the light that has come into the world.

John 1:1, 14 [NIV] *“**In the beginning was the Word**, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” ... “**The Word became flesh** and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the **One and Only**, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”*

Jesus Christ is the Word of God who came into this world.

Psalms 119:105 [NIV] *“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.”*

The written Word of God, the Christian Bible, is a light to guide us on our path through life.

Philippians 2:5-8 [NIV] *“Your attitude should be the same as that of **Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself***

nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross!”

This is how far God was willing to God to show His love for each of us.

When we understand this great love that our Creator God has for each of us we can then understand how precious and special we are to God.

This same love of God that makes us special also applies to every other person we meet in life.

They also are precious and special.

How then should we treat them?

Philippians 2:1-4 [NIV] *“If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. **Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.** Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.”*

If this was the attitude everyone in the world had, what a wonderful world it would become.

How does such a changed society come into being?

By starting with Number One, that is me and also you.

We are all precious and special to the Creator God.

Let us all treat other humans as precious and special.