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GOD CREATED MAN FOR ETERNITY

Life does not end when your body dies. God created man in His image. *Genesis 2:7* says, "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." The soul of a person never dies. God wants you to live forever with Him. Some people choose to live their lives on Earth without God. Those who refuse to accept Christ will not spend eternity with God.

In this LIFEPAK[®], you will learn what eternity means and how you can have eternal life with God. You will also learn why all people must someday face judgment. You will study two different judgments that will take place at the end of time. All Christians will someday stand before the judgment seat of Christ, and all unsaved people will face Christ at the great white throne judgment. Each person in this life chooses where he will spend eternity.

Objectives

Read these objectives. The objectives tell you what you will be able to do when you have successfully completed this LIFEPAAC. Each section will list according to the numbers below what objectives will be met in that section. When you have finished this LIFEPAAC, you should be able to:

1. Tell how man can have eternal life with God.
2. Explain how God wants Christians to live.
3. Describe three blessings that God wants all Christians to have.
4. Name the one who has been appointed as our judge.
5. List three reasons why man must be judged.
6. Describe the purpose of the judgment of Christians.
7. Tell how Christ will judge our service to God.
8. Describe four crowns that are mentioned in the Bible.
9. List four things that you can know for certain about heavenly rewards.
10. Describe the great white throne judgment.
11. Tell where and how the unsaved will spend eternity.



1. PREPARING FOR ETERNITY

Eternity is forever. You will either spend eternity with God or without God. If you are a Christian, it should be exciting for you to think about spending eternity with God. Life on earth can be exciting, too! The Christian will receive rewards in heaven. Did you know that God has some blessings that He wants to give you right now? God wants you to live an **abundant life on Earth**. He wants to pour out His blessings on you now.

Objectives

Review these objectives. When you have completed this section, you should be able to:

1. Tell how man can have eternal life with God.
2. Explain how God wants Christians to live.
3. Describe three blessings that God wants all Christians to have.

Vocabulary

Study these new words. Learning the meanings of these words is a good study habit and will improve your understanding of this LIFEPAK.

abundant (u bun dunt). More than enough; plentiful.

circumstance (sér kum stans). A condition, fact, or event.

encourage (en kër ij). To urge on; to increase one's hope and courage.

fellowship (fel ō ship). Companionship and friendliness; sharing and taking part with others.

process (pros es). A set of actions or changes.

ridicule (rid u kyül). To laugh at; make fun of.

sacrificial (sak ru fish ul). Having to do with giving one thing for another; surrendering something valuable for the sake of something better.

scholar (skol èr). A person who has much knowledge.

tangible (tan ju bul). That which can be touched or felt by touch; a physical material in nature.

Note: All vocabulary words in this LIFEPAK appear in **boldface** print the first time they are used. If you are unsure of the meaning when you are reading, study the definitions given.

Pronunciation Key: hat, āge, cāre, fār; let, ēqual, tērm; it, īce; hot, ōpen, ōrder; oil; out; cup, pūt, rüle; child; long; thin; /FH/ for then; /zh/ for measure; /u/ or /ə/ represents /a/ in about, /e/ in taken, /i/ in pencil, /o/ in lemon, and /u/ in circus.

The Eternal God Created Man for Eternity



Read Acts 9:18-30, 11:19-26, and 13:1-3.

God is everlasting. God does not have a beginning. He has always existed. God is never-ending. He is Almighty and unchanging. *Psalm 90:1* tells us that God was always present, even before Creation.

God created man for eternity. When God breathed into man “the breath of life; and man became a living soul” (*Genesis 2:7*), God meant for man to live forever with Him. God did not create you just for life on Earth. God gave you a soul because that part of you can live forever. Your body will die someday, but your soul will never die.



| Man was created for eternity.



Eternity lasts forever. Eternity is difficult to imagine. Our minds cannot fully understand what eternity means. The following illustration will help you understand how long eternity lasts. Try to imagine a snail that decides to walk around the earth. We all know how small a snail is and how slow a snail moves. Can you imagine how long it would take a snail to travel 24,000 miles around the entire earth? Now imagine that the snail enjoys his trip around the world so much he decides to do it again and again. The snail decides to take the very same trail he did before. Imagine the snail travels around the earth on the same path so many times that he wears a groove in the earth 100 miles deep. Can you picture in your mind how many billions and billions of years it would take the snail to form this deep channel around the earth?

How long it would take that imaginary snail to complete his travels is only a tiny part of how long eternity is.



Write *true* or *false*.

- 1.1 _____ God had a beginning.
- 1.2 _____ God created man for eternity.
- 1.3 _____ When your body dies, your soul will die also.
- 1.4 _____ Eternity lasts two billion years.
- 1.5 _____ God wants you to live forever with Him.



Complete this activity.

1.6

Write an illustration of your own that will help you to explain to someone else how long eternity is.

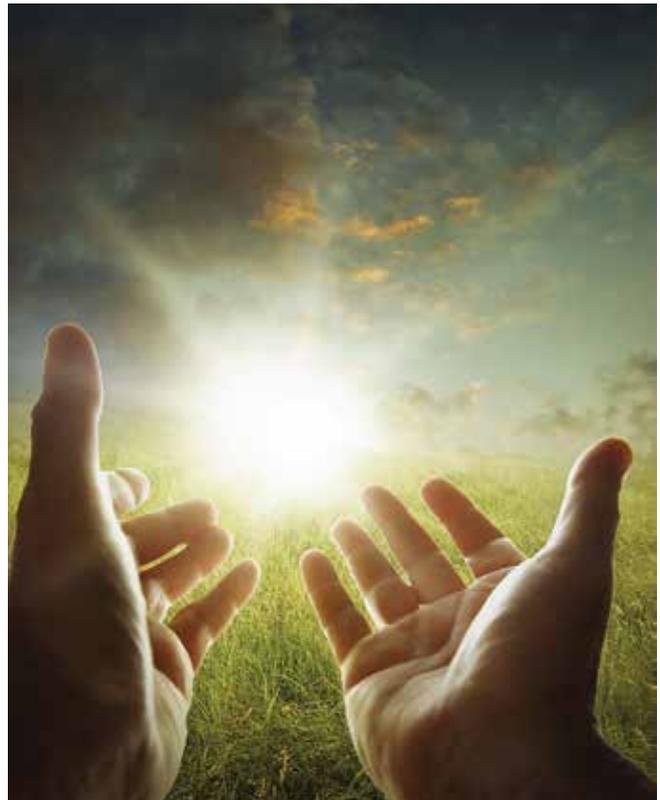


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God gives eternal life. The Bible speaks much about eternal life. The best gift that God offers to man is everlasting life. God wants everyone to have this gift of life, but He does not force anyone to accept His gift. God has allowed each person to decide where he or she would like to spend eternity. You have the choice to spend eternity with God or without God.

God made it very simple for you to accept His gift of eternal life. God offers everlasting life to everyone through His Son, Jesus Christ. The writer of Hebrews tells us that Jesus was made perfect, and He became the author of eternal salvation to all who would obey Him (*Hebrews 5:9*).



Eternity begins now. Eternity began for you when you were born into this life. Your time on earth is a small part of eternity. Now is the time to decide where you want to spend eternity. You have the choice of spending eternity with God in heaven or without God in hell. God wants you to be with Him. *2 Corinthians 6:2* says, "...behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

If you have never asked Christ to be your Savior and to come into your life, do it right now. Ask your teacher to help you and follow these steps:

- a. Read *Romans 3:23*. All have sinned. Place your name in the verse instead of all and read it again.
- b. Read *Romans 6:23*. We deserve eternal punishment, which is *death* in hell. Then realize that God does give us a free gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ.
- c. Read *Romans 5:8*. This gift was Jesus' death on the Cross. He took the punishment for your sins.
- d. Read *Romans 10:9–13*. Confess that Jesus is Lord and believe that Jesus rose from the dead. If you confess and believe, you will receive God's gifts of salvation and eternal life.

Here is a prayer you can use to ask Jesus to save you:

*Lord Jesus, I realize that I am a sinner,
and I thank you for dying on the cross
to take the punishment for my sins.
Please come into my heart and save me
from your wrath to come. Help me to
tell others about Your free gift.
In Jesus' name,
Amen.*

Satan will try to put doubts in your mind. Memorize these verses to be sure of God's promise to you. Jesus gives you eternal salvation and makes you a new creature.

- a. *John 3:16*
- b. *John 10:28*
- c. *2 Corinthians 5:17*
- d. *1 John 5:11–12*

Nicodemus comes to Jesus. Nicodemus was a Pharisee and a member of the Sanhedrin. The Sanhedrin was made up of seventy-one elders and was the highest religious body among the Jews. The elders were **scholars** of the Mosaic Law (the Law of Moses) and were responsible for the government of the Jewish community. Nicodemus was highly respected as a scholar of the Jewish religion.

Nicodemus came to talk with Jesus at night. Nicodemus probably chose to talk with Jesus in secret during the late evening hours so that he could avoid the **ridicule** of his fellow Jews. Jesus' miracles had captured the attention of Nicodemus and had convinced him that Jesus was a teacher sent from God.

Nicodemus did not understand what Jesus meant when He said, (*John 3:3*) "...Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Jesus carefully explained to Nicodemus that He was talking about spiritual birth rather than physical birth.

Jesus told Nicodemus that anyone who believes in the only begotten Son of God would have eternal life. When we accept Jesus as our Savior, we are born into a new family as children of God.

John 3:16 is one of the most well-known verses in the Bible. God provided a simple way that you could be saved from death and be given eternal life. You can have salvation through Jesus Christ.



| Christ taught the Pharisee Nicodemus, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God."



Match these items.

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| 1.7 | _____ a group of seventy-one Jewish elders | a. Jesus' miracles |
| 1.8 | _____ God's gift to all who will receive it | b. Pharisees |
| 1.9 | _____ a scholar of the Jewish religion who met with Jesus | c. Sanhedrin |
| 1.10 | _____ captured the attention of a ruler of the Jews | d. Nicodemus |
| | | e. eternal life |



Complete this activity.

- 1.11 Find *Sanhedrin* in an encyclopedia, through an internet search, or in another source, and write a paragraph about what you learned about this group of Jews.



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Write *John 3:16* in your own words.

1.12



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SELF TEST 1

Answer these questions (each answer, 4 points).

1.01 What must you do to have eternal life with God?

1.02 What was the Sanhedrin?

1.03 Who was Nicodemus?

1.04 How can you grow spiritually?

1.05 What is the abundant life?

Match these items (each answer, 2 points).

1.06 _____ God's gift to all who will receive it

a. Jesus

1.07 _____ the author and finisher of your faith

b. flesh

1.08 _____ God wants you to live a life of this

c. sin

1.09 _____ slows down your spiritual growth

d. church

1.010 _____ God's Spirit wrestles against it

e. eternal life

f. victory

Complete these sentences (each answer, 3 points).

- 1.011** Nicodemus was a member of the _____ .
- 1.012** Your _____ will never die.
- 1.013** Nicodemus knew that Jesus was sent from _____ .
- 1.014** Jesus was _____ to God, and He grew spiritually.
- 1.015** An athlete must _____ his mind and body if he wants to win.
- 1.016** God wants you to be separated from the world and joined to _____ .
- 1.017** God wants you to live an _____ life.
- 1.018** The Apostle _____ was content in all circumstances.
- 1.019** God created man for _____ .
- 1.020** Joy is given to the Christian by the _____ .

Write true or false (each answer, 2 points).

- 1.021** _____ You can have joy in your heart even when you are unhappy.
- 1.022** _____ Jesus was asleep when the storm came upon the Sea of Galilee.
- 1.023** _____ Nothing can separate you from God's love.
- 1.024** _____ *Romans 3:23* says that some people have sinned.
- 1.025** _____ Eternity ends when we die.
- 1.026** _____ God has no beginning and no end.
- 1.027** _____ God wants to bless the Christian with love, joy, and peace.
- 1.028** _____ God gives you eternal life when you read the Bible every day.
- 1.029** _____ God's love is perfect.
- 1.030** _____ Jesus did not tell Nicodemus how to have eternal life.

Choose the correct answer (each answer, 2 points).

- 1.031** Eternity lasts _____ .
a. two billion years b. forever c. until you die
- 1.032** All of God's blessings are _____ .
a. tangible b. small c. good
- 1.033** God's greatest gift to us is _____ .
a. love b. joy c. peace
- 1.034** Nicodemus came to talk with Jesus _____ .
a. in the morning b. in the afternoon c. at night
- 1.035** "Except a man be _____ , he cannot see the kingdom of God."
a. good b. perfect c. born again
- 1.036** Nothing can separate us from the _____ of God.
a. fellowship b. love c. kingdom
- 1.037** God gave us His only Son because He loved _____ .
a. only Christians b. good people c. the world
- 1.038** Nicodemus said that Jesus was a _____ sent from God.
a. teacher b. prophet c. disciple
- 1.039** God wants you to live an _____ life.
a. amusing b. abundant c. unhappy
- 1.040** God wants us to run the Christian race with _____ .
a. patience b. fear c. perfection

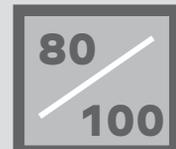


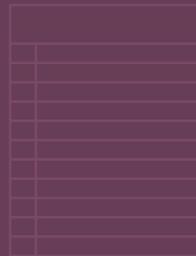
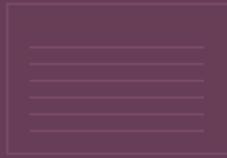
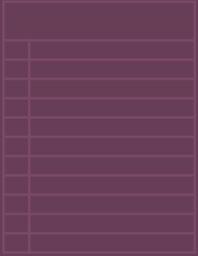
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