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Eternal Life

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Scripture Lesson:-
Text:- St. John 17:2-3.

Int:- Eternal life the theme of the fourth gospel. Though Jesus spoke much of the kingdom, he indicated that eternal life was the greatest gift he had to offer to man. This is naturally an interesting theme. But what is eternal life? How can it be secured? What is its nature? It is with these questions that we shall be occupied this morning.

I. What is eternal life? *not life indefinitely prolonged*

a. It is knowledge of God and of Christ.

- 1. Not mere knowledge of the head but a higher order of knowledge. *born of experience.*
- 2. It is personal knowledge; and personal knowledge means fellowship, and fellowship means love; and love means life.
- 3. Such knowledge means a rich, full and real experience. We need to stress experience more in our religious life. We no longer insist enough on a "religious experience".

II. How is eternal life secured

- 1. It is a divine gift, Rom. 6:23-"the wages of sin is death, but gift of God is eternal life" I John 5:11, 13, 20. St. John 10:28-My sheep hear my voice and I give unto them eternal life!"
- 2. It is not an achievement, but can be secured only by the aspiring, seeking, outreaching soul. John 3:16. I Tim. 6:12, 19.
- 3. It comes through Christ. You cannot reject Jesus and have eternal life. We must believe in Christ to have this life.

III. When may we have eternal life?

- 1. It is a present blessing. Jesus says, "this is eternal life!" We miss the whole of Jesus' meaning when we try to push the whole matter into the future. How shall we have eternal life in the future if we have no assurance of it now? The true meaning is, an eternal present fellowship of the soul with God which death cannot destroy.