



2) Eternal Life

There is a choice, laid before us, that determines our destiny. In Deuteronomy 30:19 God says, *"I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life."* God gives us this choice by creating us to be free-moral agents.

We are not pre-programed, but we have free will. When we are faced with guilt we are also faced with the choice to respond by seeking the grace of God for forgiveness or we can choose to react by hardening our hearts against the guilt as a *"conscience seared with a hot iron"* (1 Timothy 4:2).

We can choose to follow a conviction that strengthens our way toward eternal life or we can choose to resist a guilt that reinforces our way toward eternal death. Let's ask the Bible about this choice...

1. What is God's position about our choice between life and death? (2 Peter 3:9)

2. What is our status with God as the result of sin? (Romans 3:19)

3. How universal is the problem of sin, which produces guilt? (Romans 3:23)

4. What are the wages or consequences of sin? (Romans 6:23)

5. Why is death the natural result of sin? (Isaiah 59:2)

6. What is God's solution to the problem of sin? (John 3:16)

7. Why did Jesus have to come to this world and die for our sins? Was His death necessary? (Hebrews 2:9, 14)

8. How can Christ's life take the place of my imperfect life? What does His death have to do with my eternal death? (Isaiah 53:4-6, 12)

9. How does the apostle Paul describe Jesus bearing our sin? (2 Corinthians 5:21)

10. What does the Bible say Jesus became for us? (Galatians 3:13)

11. Is salvation something we earn by our good works? (Ephesians 2:8)

12. What question did a heathen jailer ask Paul and Silas? (Acts 16:30)

13. What answer did Paul give the Philippian jailer regarding his salvation? (Acts 16:31)

14. What is promised those who accept Jesus as their personal Savior? (1 John 5:11-13)

15. What should we do when we are convicted of our sin through guilt? (1 John 1:9)
