

JOHN'S FIRST EPISTLE - Part XIII

"Abiding in Jesus"

Reference: **I John 2:24-27**

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Read **verses twenty-four** and **twenty-five** (see screen)

Because of our relational connection to God's Son, Jesus, we have been promised eternal life. There are two dimensions to eternal life:

- Eternal life is _____. This word eternal implies a _____ existence.
- Eternal life is _____. The Greek word *aiōnios* translated as eternal implies a particular _____ of existence.
Reference: **John 17:3; 10:10** (see screen)

Eternal life starts the moment someone believes and receives Jesus.
Reference: **John 3:36; 6:47; Hebrews 9:27** (see screen)

Philosopher **Diogenes Allen** has made the distinction between _____ life and _____ life.

Reference: **Romans 6:23** (see screen)

Extended life is something _____ but eternal life is something received as a _____.

Read **verse twenty-six** (see screen)

I John was written for three reasons:

REASON ONE: **I John** was written so that we could experience **complete joyfulness**. Reference: **I John 1:4**

REASON TWO: **I John** was written to discourage us from **sinning**.
Reference: **I John 2:1**

REASON THREE: **I John** was written to warn us about _____.
Reference: **I John 2:26; I Timothy 4:1** (see screen)

The departure from the evangelical Christian faith is called "_____." and the person that does apostatize is called an _____.

Definition: To apostatize means to _____ and _____ a particular religion or set of doctrines.

There are **2** separate categories of supposed Christians in the church:

- people that _____ to be a Christian
- people that _____ actual Christians

In more modern language apostatizing is now called "Christian _____."

Definition: Christian deconstructing is the practice of questioning and then _____ some or all parts of the Christian faith.

Reference: **Acts 17:10-12** (see screen)

Read **verse twenty-seven** (see screen)

Reference: **I Corinthians 6:19** (see screen)

The Holy Spirit can use gifted teachers to assist in illuminating the biblical text. There are two reasons people need spiritual illumination:

ONE...man needs illumination because of _____.

Reference: **I Corinthians 2:14; John 14:26** (see screen)

TWO...man needs illumination because of _____.

Reference: **II Corinthians 4:3-4** (see screen)

Definition: Biblical illumination is the _____ from the Holy Spirit shining onto Scripture so that we can better see and understand the meaning of that S Scripture.

Reference: **Psalms 119:18** (see screen)

Question: What does it mean to abide?

Three things are implied in abiding:

- to be _____ to Jesus... (that means a _____ to Jesus)
- to be _____ on Jesus... (that means a _____ on Jesus)
- to _____ with Jesus... (that means a _____ with Jesus)