

***Do you know
if you have
eternal life?
You can today!***

Dear friend,

Someone who cares very much for you has given you this pamphlet because he is concerned about your relationship with God and your eternal destiny. He may be an acquaintance, a neighbor, a family member or even a stranger. He has a word of hope and encouragement to share with you and has chosen to do so by the use of this pamphlet.

What do the Bible and the *Book of Mormon* have to say about God, his nature, and gaining eternal life and the knowledge of it? In the next few moments it is the hope of your friend and ours that you find the meaning of these things and thus find the joy of life today and the eternal life that God offers.

Please feel free to look up the passages we have cited and read them in the Bible or the *Book of Mormon* to make sure we have gotten the context right. As you read all we ask is that you be open and honest with yourself and with the statements you see.

We wish God's richest blessings upon you as you seek the truth about God and his will for your life.

WHO IS JESUS?

**Both the Bible and the Book of Mormon clearly say that Jesus is God and not just a god.*

"Behold, I am he who was prepared from the foundation of the world to redeem my people. Behold, I am Jesus Christ. I am the Father and the Son." **Ether 3:14a**

"The Father, because he was conceived by the power of God; and the Son, because of the flesh; thus becoming the Father and the Son — And they are one God, yea the very Eternal Father of heaven and of earth." **Mosiah 15:3-4**

"But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne O God, is forever and ever..." **Hebrews 1:8a**

Jesus speaking: "I and my Father are one." **John 10:30**

WHAT DID JESUS DO? DID HE JUST ATONE FOR ADAM'S SIN OR DID HE ATONE FOR THE SINS OF ALL MEN?

**Jesus' death on the cross provides the opportunity for any person to acquire eternal life.*

"...I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never

die." **John 11:25-26**

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." **Romans 5:8**

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Romans 6:23**

WHAT MUST A PERSON DO TO HAVE ETERNAL LIFE?

**He must be "born again!"*

"And the Lord said unto me: Marvel not that all mankind, yea men and women, all nations, kindreds, tongues and people, must be born again; yea born of God, changed from their carnal and fallen state, to a state of righteousness, being redeemed of God, becoming his sons and daughters. And thus they become new creatures; and unless they do this, they can in nowise inherit the kingdom of God." **Mosiah 27:25-26**

"Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again....For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." **John 3:7, 16-18**

**This is accomplished by believing in*

and trusting in Jesus as our personal savior.

“And now, because of the covenant which ye have made ye shall be called the children of Christ, his sons and his daughters; for behold, this day he hath spiritually begotten you; for ye say that your hearts are changed through faith on his name; therefor ye are born of him...”

Mosiah 5:7

“...behold I say unto you, that these things are true, and as the Lord God liveth, there is none other name given under heaven save it be this Jesus Christ, of which I have spoken, whereby man can be saved.” **2 Nephi 25:20b**

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” **Acts 4:12**

IS ETERNAL LIFE ACQUIRED BY GRACE OR BY WORKS?

**Both the Bible and the Book of Mormon are clear that salvation or eternal life is acquired by grace through faith.*

(Note — The dictionary and traditional Christian definition of Grace means God's unmerited favor. It is something that is granted as a gift and cannot be earned. Grace is bestowed on someone who does not deserve it by God because of his mercy and love through Jesus.)

“...and it is only in and through the

grace of God that ye are saved." 2 Nephi 10:24b (v. 23 puts this statement into the context that salvation means eternal life)

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8-10

CAN YOU KNOW THAT YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE?

**Yes, the Bible and the Book of Mormon say that you can know today that you have eternal life.*

"Wherefor, I know that thou art redeemed, because of the righteousness of thy Redeemer; for thou hast beheld that in the fulness of time he cometh to bring salvation unto men." 2 Nephi 2:3b

"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." I John 5:13

It is our prayer and hope that the words and scripture that you have read have made a difference in your view of how a person becomes a Christian. While we have offered you passages from the *Book of Mormon* it should be clear that we do not accept it as scripture. The *Book of Mormon* passages are offered as a reference to show that it supports the biblical position. This pamphlet was prepared by Utah Missions, Inc., (UMI)

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