

13. Adam and Eve were again witnesses for the Prosecution. Still functioning in the divine institution of marriage, the two now had the authority to not only continue sexual relations but also the added result of producing new witnesses.
14. Because they no longer had Perfect Life, which had no expiration date, they now were limited to the status of Human Life that was programmed to experience physical death.
15. This meant that through procreation, new witnesses could be produced through the miracle of birth. This system produced three male offspring.
16. The firstborn was Cain who became a farmer while the second was Able who became a rancher. Cain entered into inordinate completion with Able.
17. The Lord required systematic animal offerings for the rituals that taught doctrine to the two men. Cain, already arrogant, thought it appropriate to present the Lord with a vegetable salad for the sacrifice (Genesis 4:3).
18. On the other hand, Able brought the "firstlings of His flock" which *was* the appropriate offering for which the Lord had great regard, but not for Cain's.
19. This prompted the first murder and World War in human history. Cain observed Abel's technique of taking a knife and slitting the sacrificial animal's carotid so that it bled out and died.
20. We learn in 1 John 3:12 that Cain took one of his brother's knives and slit Abel's throat. This was first-degree murder which reduced the world population at that point by twenty-five percent.

1 John 3:12 - Cain, who was of the evil one [Lucifer], slew [σφάζω (*spházō*): to slaughter an animal for sacrifice by slitting its carotid] his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because his deeds were evil, and his brother's were righteous.

21. When Able died his Human Life ended. However, since he was a believer, he possessed Eternal Life. This means his soul and spirit went to the Paradise compartment of Hades from which he was transferred to heaven in interim body at the ascension of Jesus Christ.
22. Cain is regarded as an unbeliever since he did not respect the proper ritual observance before the Lord.
23. Instead, under satanic influence, he murdered his brother as if he were nothing more than a ranch animal. His human death resulted in his transfer to the Torments compartment of Hades where he will remain until the end of human history.
24. Consequently, the line of Christ must be restored and this occurred when Adam and Eve procreated and produced the next witness in the person of their third son, Seth.
25. The production of witnesses continued in what became the Chart Pedigree for the advent of Messiah. This process was facilitated by the extended longevity of the post-flood patriarchs.
26. Seth lived 912 years and his progeny continued for eight generations from Énosh down to Noah. The chart pedigree of Seth's line down through Noah averaged almost 850 years each.
27. Noah's sons were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. The longevity of Shem exceeded six-hundred years indicating that numerous offspring were born to him after the birth of his firstborn, Arpachshad, when he was one-hundred years old (Genesis 11:10-32). This was similarly the case for Ham and Japheth.

VISUAL #7:
Chart Pedigree of
Jesus Christ

VISUAL #8:
Line of Christ
Longevity Chart
from Adam to the Flood

28. During the process of producing witnesses, many choose to be unbelievers. In view of all this, what kind of afterlife does the unbeliever possess? Remember the principle that the soul never dies.
29. The eternal destiny of all unbelievers is different from that of believers. Therefore, we must introduce a new title for the afterlife of unbelieving humans.
30. At salvation, the Holy Spirit imputes Eternal Life to the human spirit of the new believer. However, we are forced to conclude that without a human spirit the soul of the unbeliever must be the target for his status in the afterlife.
31. We know that at the Great White Throne, all humans assembled there will discover that their names were blotted out of the book of life (Revelation 20:15).
32. As a result, these unbelievers are to be “thrown into the lake of fire” (Revelation 20:14–15).
33. Who else? We also learn from direct testimony from the Lord that the lake of fire was “prepared for the devil and his angels” (Matthew 25:41b).
34. The universe will be completely destroyed between the end of the Millennium and the beginning of the Great White Throne judgment. Therefore, the lake of fire, created in eternity past (Matthew 25:41) must be located in the eternal state which is outside the universe.

2 Peter 3:10 - The day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens [**earth's atmosphere and interstellar space**] will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.

Revelation 20:11 - Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them.

Revelation 20:15 - If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

35. The implication is that unbelievers, as well as fallen angels, will be incarcerated in an environment dominated by an endless fire which causes continual torment:

Revelation 20:10 - The devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast-dictator and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

36. These passages force us to conclude that unregenerate mankind possesses bodies that are susceptible to torment that will continue "forever and ever."

37. Therefore, what kind of life do they possess that last's for eternity? Their souls are imputed Forever Life that lasts for all eternity. Here's why.

38. At salvation, the Holy Spirit creates a human spirit making the individual trichotomous joining it with the present body and soul. Simultaneously, He imputes Eternal Life to the human spirit.

39. Things are different for the unbeliever. He is born with body and soul only.

1 Corinthians 2:14 - The unbeliever [**body and soul only**] **does not receive the things of the Spirit of God [the Holy Spirit], for they are foolishness to him. And he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually [the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit to the human spirit] **discerned.** (NET)**

40. Therefore, in his afterlife, the unbeliever will possess Forever Life in an interim body, temporarily incarcerated in Torments, later to be transferred to the lake of fire via the Great White Throne.

41. The fallen angels still have perfect bodies and Eternal Life although imprisoned in the lake of fire forever.
42. Unregenerate mankind will join Satan, the fallen angels, and even the Nephilim as residents of this horrid place with no hope of escape, parole, pardon, or emancipation.
43. In addition, to experience the torment characterized by the lake of fire, all unbelievers will receive a resurrection body at the Great White Throne.
44. With these principles in mind, we are now able to develop a chart that specifies the categories of life that are possessed by angels and humans throughout the Bible.

6. Categories of Life for Angels and Man

1. **Eternal Life:** (a) All angels were created simultaneously by God in eternity past at which point He imputed to them Eternal Life (Colossians 1:16).²⁰ (b) Certain people, regardless of dispensation, were imputed Eternal Life at the moment each of them expressed faith in Jesus Christ for salvation.

NOTE: Eternal Life is eternal. The fallen angels therefore did not lose their Eternal Life when they rebelled. All angels, elect or fallen, possess Eternal Life. Their bodies are perfect and will not die. Believers are provided a human spirit to which Eternal Life is imputed at the moment of salvation.

²⁰ “It is assumed from Colossians 1:16–17 that all angels were created simultaneously. In like manner, it is assumed that the creation of angels was completed at that time and that none will be added to their number. They are not subject to death or any form of extinction; therefore they do not decrease, as they do not increase. The plan by which the human family is secured through propagation has no counterpart among the angels” (Chafer, “Angelology,” in *Systematic Theology*, 2:11).

- 2. Perfect Life.** This type of life defines the trichotomy of Adam and Ishah in Eden. Jesus Christ created perfect bodies and souls for them to which a human spirit was imputed providing Perfect Life. This life was potentially never ending, but with the possibility of termination (Genesis 2:16-17).

This remained their status quo until they committed the original sin (Genesis 3:6) at which point they died spiritually (Genesis 2:17 cf. 3:6). They lost their Perfect Life in exchange for Human Life minus the human spirit.

Upon placing their faith in Messiah, they were regenerated with the re-imputation of a human spirit to which Eternal Life was imputed. (Genesis 3:21).

Perfect Life describes the conditional life of Adam and Ishah's human spirits in the garden of Eden between their creation and the Fall.

- 3. Human Life:** This is the status of all Homo sapiens from physical birth to physical death with regard to their human bodies. It was also the status of Adam and Eve between the Fall and physical death (Genesis 3:6-20).
- 4. Forever Life:** Refers to every person that has not believed in Jesus for salvation. Their souls possess Forever Life in time. At physical death, all unbelievers' souls go directly to Torments in interim bodies. At the close of human history, they are summoned to appear before the Great White Throne. After judgment is affirmed, they are then transferred to the lake of fire in resurrection bodies forever and ever.

NOTE: Remember that the soul never dies. The sentence to the lake of fire is for all eternity. A perfect resurrection body must be provided for unbelievers to carry out the sentence. Their classification is Forever Life instead of Eternal Life.

Principle: Everybody lives forever. Where you live it is the issue each person must decide during his time on earth as either witnesses for the Prosecution, or not.

5. **Immortality:** Refers to the human soul and applies to those that possess Eternal Life whose eternal destiny is in heaven and to those who possess Forever Life whose eternal destiny is in the lake of fire.

7. The Doctrine of Eternal Life

A. Definition:

John 3:36 - "He who believes [πιστεύω (*pisteúō*): placing one's faith alone in Christ alone] in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see eternal life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

1. The verb *pisteúō* is in the present tense indicating that salvation occurs at the moment someone believes in Christ for salvation.
2. At that moment, the person possesses thirty-nine irrevocable absolutes plus the revocable absolute of the filling of the Holy Spirit.
3. At salvation the believer receives the indwelling and filling of the Holy Spirit Who provides a human spirit to which He imputes Eternal Life.

1 John 2:28 - Now as for you, the anointing [the indwelling and filling ministries of the Holy Spirit] that you received from Him [Jesus Christ: doctrine of procession], resides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you. But as His anointing [of the Holy Spirit] teaches you about all things [see 1 Corinthians 2], it is true and not a lie. Just as it [the anointing] has taught you, you abide in Him. (NET)

4. One's attitude toward Christ determines whether he has Eternal Life or not.

B. Three Environments of Eternal Life

1. All believers have Eternal Life beginning at salvation and it continues as long as Human or Temporal Life is viable. This is called "Mortality" by Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:53-54.