

Eleutheros Newsletter

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News of Interest

It hardly seems possible, but Christmas will soon be here! As believers in Jesus Christ we surely want to thank God for the miracles of this season: that He would send His only Son into the world; that Jesus was born of the virgin Mary so He would remain sinless; that angels, magi, a star, and shepherds were all involved in different ways to worship our Savior in the very earliest days of His life on this earth; and that He came “to seek and save that which was lost” ([Luke 19:10](#)).

We generally want to show His love by giving gifts to others at Christmas. Eleutheros Books offers many choices of Christian based items: Bibles, books, jewelry, art, music, and clothing, all at reasonable prices.

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Soon Eleutheros Books will expand its ministry to include The Eleutheros School of Theology. This will be an online school designed to offer courses for believers who are interested in learning Biblical truth on a high level but do not have the time or financial resources to pursue Bible College or seminary degrees.

More details will be forthcoming in future editions of this newsletter.

The Eternality of Jesus

And now, O Father, glorify Thou Me with Thine own self with the glory, which I had with Thee before the world was. ([John 17:5](#)).

Believers in Jesus Christ realize in their minds and hearts that they will live forever in heaven. Although this truth is clear from Scripture it is something that is sometimes difficult to grasp. Eternity in heaven!

Being the Son of God as He is, Jesus is eternal.

As amazing as eternity future is to ponder for Christians, it is even more mind-boggling to fathom that God has existed from all eternity past!

Perhaps the following illustration will help.

A number of years ago a Christian family was gathered in a living room when the young boy of the family, then about four or five years old, started asking questions.

He had a fascination for all things mathematical and was curious (as are most boys that age). His first question was, “Which is heavier? Gramma’s station wagon or an elephant?”

A quick check from a reliable source revealed that a mature elephant is much weightier than a Mercury station wagon.

The next question involved the nature of God. He simply asked, "How old is God?"

Adult response: "How old do you think He is?"

The child's next question: "Is He a thousand years old?"

Adult response: "Oh, He is much older than that!"

The child's reaction (keep in mind the largest number he had ever heard of was "a million"): "Is He a million years old?"

Adult response: "He is much older than that also!"

At this point, being persistent, He decided to ask the question again.

Child's next question: "So how many years old is He?"

Adult response: "Infinity."

The boy had never heard of "infinity," but being the kind of child that he was, he asked a final question.

Child's next inquiry: "How many 0's are there in infinity?"

Adult response: "Infinity."

The boy sat there amazed at the answer but then realized that the Jesus he was learning about in church and Sunday School is beyond time.

While we as believers in the Holy Scriptures and our Savior Jesus Christ are able in some ways to imagine what eternity in heaven will be like, here are some verses written by the Apostle John which teach this amazing, yet undeniable truth:

[John 1:1-3a](#): *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made....*

[John 6:62](#): *What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where He was before?*

[John 8:58](#): *Before Abraham was, I am.*

Read [John 17:5](#) (quoted above).

[John 17:24](#): *Father, I will that they also, whom Thou has given Me, be with Me where I am; that they may behold My glory, which Thou has given Me: for Thou lovedst Me before the foundation of the world.*

[1 John 1:1](#): *That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen....*

[I John 2:14](#): ...because ye have known Him that is from the beginning.

[Revelation 1:8](#): I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, saith the Lord....

[Revelation 1:17](#): I am the first and the last.

[Revelation 5:13](#): And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

Here are four more Biblical truths about the eternity of Jesus:

1. He knew all about Solomon before creation. *The Lord possessed me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old. I was set up ever the earth was* ([Proverbs 8:22-23](#)).
2. God planned the salvation Jesus offers long before creation. *Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began* ([II Timothy 1:9](#)).
3. His prayer/Priestly work on our behalf is eternal. *Made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life. For he testifieth, Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek* ([Hebrews 12:16-17](#)).
4. His immutability is eternal. *Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever* ([Hebrews 13:8](#)). He cannot change and lives forever!

Obviously, no other who has ever lived n this earth can legitimately claim to be eternal! Our Savior, however, made this claim several times without fear of contradiction (see the references in John's Gospel quoted above).

This presents a question to all who will strive to learn of Him. Is He the eternal Son of God He claims to me?

The answer, of course, is a resounding "YES!" Why?

The simplest answer is that the Bible, God's Holy Word, teaches us very clearly that He is eternal! To believers in Jesus Christ that is more than sufficient evidence!

Because He is from everlasting to everlasting, we can have confidence that the eternal life he offers is legitimate!

Also, because He is eternal, we should worship Him in utter amazement every day!

Constantly Abiding

Agnes S. Murphy

*There's a peace in my heart
That the world never gave,
A peace it cannot take away,
Though the trials of life
May surround like a cloud,
I've a peace that has come here to stay!*

*All the world seemed to sing
Of a Savior and King
When peace sweetly came to my heart,
Troubles all fled away
And my night turned to day,
Blessed Jesus, how glorious Thou art!
Constantly abiding, Jesus is mine!
Constantly abiding, rapture divine,
He never leaves me lonely.
Whispers O so kind!
"I will never leave thee."
Jesus is mine!*