

of God without the Son, for it is through the Son that the Father reveals Himself to the elect (John 17:6; 14:9).

This life-giving knowledge of the Father and the Son is a true, personal knowledge, not just an academic awareness. There will be some on Judgment Day who had claimed to be followers of Christ but never really had a relationship with Him. To those false professors, Jesus will say, "I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!" (Matthew 7:23). The apostle Paul made it his goal to know the Lord, and he linked that knowledge to resurrection from the dead: "I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead" (Philippians 3:10–11).

In the New Jerusalem, the apostle John sees a river flowing from "the throne of God and of the Lamb," and "on each side of the river stood the tree of life. . . . And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations" (Revelation 22:1–2). In Eden, we rebelled against God and were banished from the tree of life (Genesis 3:24). In the end, God

graciously restores our access to the tree of life. This access is provided through Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29). Right now, every sinner is invited to know Christ and to receive eternal life: "Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life" (Revelation 22:17).

How can you know that you have eternal life? First of all, confess your sin before our holy God. Then accept God's provision of a Savior on your behalf. "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:13). Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died for your sins, and He rose again the third day. Believe this good news; trust the Lord Jesus as your Saviour, and you will be saved (Acts 16:31; Romans 10:9 – 10). John puts it so simply: "God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life" (1 John 5:11–12).

Recommended Resource: *Free and Clear: Understanding & Communicating God's Offer of Eternal Life* by Larry Moyer



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What is eternal life?

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When the Bible speaks of eternal life, it refers to a gift of God that comes only "through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

This gift is in contrast to the "death" that is the natural result of sin. The gift of eternal life comes to those who believe in Jesus Christ, who is Himself "the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25). The fact that this life is "eternal" indicates that it is perpetual life—it goes on and on and on, with no end.

It is a mistake, however, to view eternal life as simply an unending progression of years. A common New Testament word for "eternal" is *aiónios*, which carries the idea of quality as well as quantity. In fact, eternal life is not really associated with "years" at all, as it is independent of time. Eternal life can function outside of and beyond time, as well as within time.

For this reason, eternal life can be

thought of as something that Christians experience now. Believers don't have to "wait" for eternal life, because it's not something that starts when they die. Rather, eternal life begins the moment a person exercises faith in Christ. It is our current possession. John 3:36 says, "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life." Note that the believer "has" (present tense) this life (the verb is present tense in the Greek, too). We find similar present-tense constructions in John 5:24 and John 6:47. The focus of eternal life is not on our future, but on our current standing in Christ.

The Bible inextricably links eternal life with the Person of Jesus Christ. John 17:3 is an important passage in this regard, as Jesus prays, "Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." Here, Jesus equates "eternal life" with a knowledge of God and of the Son. There is no knowledge

Future Dates to Remember

August 3rd Five children attending CCWI camps

August 20-31st Summer holidays June 22nd-24th European Missionary Fellowship students visiting

This Month's Speakers

August 5th Family worship and God willing Pastor Robin Asgher will be preaching and leading the service. After the service, we will have fellowship lunch on bring and share basis. A crèche is also available for toddlers during the second part of the service.
Family prayer meeting 2pm-4pm.

August 12th God willing Pastor Robin Asgher will be preaching and leading the service. The service will be followed by the Lord's Supper.

August 19th God willing Pastor Robin Asgher will be preaching and leading the service.
Sunday afternoon Baptism Class: 2pm-4pm.

August 26th God willing Graham Machim from Carey Baptist Church will be preaching and leading the service.

Weekly Meetings

Sundays	Morning Service	11am
	<i>We thank God that He is a faithful God. We do not take up an offering during the service. Our offering box is located at the back of the church.</i>	
Mon & Tues	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting at Local Detention Centre	2 - 4pm and 7 - 9pm
Wednesday	Prayer Meeting at Church	10 - 11am and 7:30 - 9pm
Friday	Klub 4 Kidz (Ages 4-10)	6 - 7:15pm
	Javan Group (Ages 11-up)	7:15 - 8:15pm
Saturday	Pastor's Rest Day	

If you are interested in any of these meetings or would like further information, please contact Pastor **Robin Asgher 020 8754 1184**

Points for Prayer

We believe that the Scriptures call on churches as well as individual believers to pray fervently, reverently, humbly, sincerely, regularly and with faith (Luke 21:36 Watch therefore and pray always; James 5:16 The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much).

We give thanks to the Lord for bringing good number of children and parents to the holiday Bible Club. Please pray for follow ups and souls to be saved.

We give thanks to the Lord for Carey Baptist Church for sending a team and all there help with the Holiday Bible Club. Children and parents really love them and always ask when they will be coming back again.

Please pray for the ministry of God's word at the local detention centre at the moment we are taking four Bible studies and one preaching service. Please pray for word sown will save souls for the kingdom of Christ.

Please as some of us will be away on holidays and pray for restful and refreshing time.

Please pray for a Mum who came during the Holiday Bible Club and she really enjoyed the songs and stories from the Bible and would like to teach in her church. God works in mysterious ways.

Missionary Interest

Daylight prison ministry:

We were also encouraged to hear from another man who has been released and got in touch to thank us for the help given to him during his time in prison. He writes, "I met several Daylight volunteers whilst inside and found them to be a huge help on my faith journey. Thank you and may God bless your work ."Please pray for him as he adjusts to life outside prison. Please pray for the ministry of Daylight Prison Ministry.

A printable version of the newsletter is available to download at <https://bit.ly/2LP4IQZ> or by going to the news page on our website.

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" **John 1:29**

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well). Then have a word with Tony Sansom who will get you to complete a simple form.

We are grateful for your support and thank you for your support for the work of the Lord Jesus Christ at Cranford BC.

Thank you for turning off cell phones during the worship service.