



GUEST SPEAKER

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SHOULD A  
CHRISTIAN  
TRUST  
CHATGPT?



## WHAT IS ETERNAL LIFE?

"And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." John 17:3 (KJV)

# GIVE ME SEVEN ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN CHAPTER 17, VERSE THREE

- King James Version (KJV): "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."
- New International Version (NIV): "Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent."
- English Standard Version (ESV): "And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent."
- New Living Translation (NLT): "And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth."
- New American Standard Bible (NASB): "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."
- Contemporary English Version (CEV): "Eternal life is to know you, the only true God, and to know Jesus Christ, the one you sent."
- The Message (MSG): "This is the real and eternal life: That they know you, the one and only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you sent."

## AND THESE TRANSLATIONS WHAT DOES ETERNAL LIFE MEAN?

In these translations, "eternal life" refers to the everlasting life that is granted to those who believe in and have a relationship with God and Jesus Christ. It is a central concept in Christianity, which teaches that eternal life is a gift from God to those who have faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior.

The idea of eternal life encompasses not just the quantity of life (i.e., living forever), but also the quality of life—living in the presence of God, experiencing His love, joy, and peace. This eternal life begins at the moment of accepting Jesus Christ as one's Lord and Savior and continues beyond physical death into a never-ending existence with God.

## WHAT IS THE GREEK TERM FOR ETERNAL LIFE?

In the original Greek text of the New Testament, the term "eternal life" is represented by two words: "αἰώνιος ζωή" (aiōnios zōē).

- **αἰώνιος (aiōnios)** is an adjective derived from the Greek word αἰών (aiōn), meaning "age" or "eternity." It is often translated as "eternal," "everlasting," or "age-during."

- **ζωή (zōē)** is a noun meaning "life" in the sense of both physical and spiritual existence.

Together, "αἰώνιος ζωή" (aiōnios zōē) represents the concept of "eternal life" or "everlasting life" in the Christian tradition.

# HOW MANY TIMES DOES THIS PHRASE APPEAR IN THE GOSPELS?

17 times

Matthew 19:16; Matthew 19:29; Matthew 25:46 (twice) ; Mark 10:17; Mark 10:30; Luke 10:25; Luke 18:18; Luke 18:30; John 3:15; John 3:16; John 3:36; John 4:14; John 5:24; John 6:27; John 6:40; John 6:47; John 6:54

It is important to note that these numbers may slightly vary depending on the Bible translation or manuscript used. However, these references should provide a general idea of the frequency of the phrase in the Gospels.

# PLEASE SHOW EACH OF THE VERSES ABOVE IN THE NEW LIVING TRANSLATION

Matthew 19:16: "Someone came to Jesus with this question: 'Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?'"

Matthew 19:29: "And everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or property, for my sake, will receive a hundred times as much in return and will inherit eternal life."

Matthew 25:46: "And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life."

Mark 10:17: "As Jesus was starting out on his way to Jerusalem, a man came running up to him, knelt down, and asked, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?'"

Mark 10:30: "will receive now in return a hundred times as many houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and property—along with persecution. And in the world to come that person will have eternal life."

Luke 10:25: "One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: 'Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?'"

Luke 18:18: "Once a religious leader asked Jesus this question: 'Good Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?'"

Luke 18:30: "will be repaid many times over in this life, and will have eternal life in the world to come."

John 3:15: "so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life."

John 3:16: "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:36: "And anyone who believes in God's Son has eternal life. Anyone who doesn't obey the Son will never experience eternal life but remains under God's angry judgment."

John 4:14: "But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life."

John 5:24: "I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life."

John 6:27: "But don't be so concerned about perishable things like food. Spend your energy seeking the eternal life that the Son of Man can give you. For God the Father has given me the seal of his approval."

John 6:40: "For it is my Father's will that all who see his Son and believe in him should have eternal life. I will raise them up at the last day."

John 6:47: "I tell you the truth, anyone who believes has eternal life."

John 6:54: "But anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise that person at the last day."



WRITE A DEVOTIONAL TALK USING ANY OF THE ABOVE TEXT THAT SUPPORTS THE CONCEPT THAT ETERNAL LIFE BEGINS HERE RIGHT NOW, AND IT IS DEFINED BY OUR CLOTHES AND UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER TO JESUS. AND MAINTAINING A RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM ABOVE ALL ELSE.

Wrote the Devotional. The main points were:

1. Eternal life starts with believing in Jesus and His message.
2. Unconditional surrender to Jesus is key.
3. Eternal life is defined by maintaining a relationship with Jesus above all else. As believers, **our** most important relationship is with Jesus Christ. **We** should prioritize our relationship with Him over everything else in **our** lives,
4. Eternal life is not just about the future but impacts our present.

## GIVE TESTIMONIAL EXAMPLES

- Find four stories to illustrate the four points above. They should be true stories about peoples lives.
  - Conversion of Nicky Cruz
  - Life of Corrie ten Boom
  - Perseverance of Richard Warmbrand
  - The Transformation of Joni Eareckson Tada

## GIVE TESTIMONIAL EXAMPLES

- Can you give for more stories this time illustrating the four points, but application for the workplace.
  - They didn't seem real.
- Find true stories to illustrate the four points from the workplace
  - They didn't seem real.
- Are the stories above true stories of real people?
  - I apologize no they're not.
- Yes, please try to find real life examples to illustrate points in the workplace city

## GIVE TESTIMONIAL EXAMPLES

- Yes, please try to find real life examples to illustrate points in the workplace
- **The Transformation of Brian Welch**
  - Lead guitarist of the rock band Korn
- **The Career Shift of Shannon Bream**
  - Journalist and Fox News Anchor
- **Horst Schulze's Guiding Principles**
  - Co-founder of Ritz-Carlton Hotel Group
- **David Green's Commitment to Eternal Values**
  - CEO of Hobby Lobby

## SUBSEQUENT PROMPTS

- Combined the original devotional, talk together, with the real life stories listed above. Combine it all into one devotional that talks about the beauty of eternal life in here and now
- Solid attempt. But let's try something. Let's imagine that the word eternal does not refer to the length of one's life rather, it refers to the depth of one's relationship with God and with Jesus. Could You rewrite the devotional above, providing potentially different illustrations from real life, people in the workforce. And taking into account that the term eternal life means the definition provided in this paragraph.
- Great. Got a bit deeper. Please write three paragraphs about each of the stories above I want to learn more about these people, they're in their life before, and after their conversion.

## SUBSEQUENT PROMPTS

- Rewrite the devotional With the assumption that I'm talking to healthcare administrators. Use real life examples of healthcare administration were showing Jesus in a hospital setting if possible.
- Final Prompt: Please write a sermon that explores the transformative power of a deep and abiding love for Jesus in the lives of healthcare administrators, using real-life stories from a hospital setting. Discuss how their faith has guided their work, and provide practical applications for the audience. Include relevant biblical passages, thought-provoking questions, and illustrations to engage the congregation.

# AND THEN I ASKED...

- **Do you know my Savior Jesus?**

## RESPONSE:

- As an AI language model, I do not have personal experiences or emotions. However, I have been trained on a vast amount of text and can provide you with information and answer questions about Jesus.
- Jesus, also known as Jesus of Nazareth or Jesus Christ, is the central figure in Christianity. He is believed to be the Son of God and the Messiah prophesied in the Old Testament. Christians believe that Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary, lived a sinless life, performed miracles, and taught about the Kingdom of God. He was crucified under the orders of the Roman governor Pontius Pilate, died, and was buried. Christians also believe that Jesus rose from the dead on the third day and later ascended to heaven. His life, teachings, death, and resurrection are the foundations of Christian faith and are recorded in the New Testament, primarily in the four Gospels.

## AND THEN I ASKED...

- Have you experienced the horror and separation of a sinful life?

### RESPONSE:

- As an AI language model, I do not have personal experiences, emotions, or the capacity to experience sin. I am a machine learning model created by OpenAI to understand and generate human-like text based on the input provided to me. If you have any questions or need assistance with a topic, feel free to ask and I'll do my best to help you.



## AND THEN I ASKED...

- ChatGPT, Do you know the joy of the limitless love of Jesus and the unmerited grace of salvation?

### RESPONSE:

- As an AI language model, I don't have personal experiences or emotions like a human does, so I don't personally "know" the joy of the limitless love of Jesus or the unmerited grace of salvation. However, I can help you learn more about these topics, discuss the teachings of Jesus and the concept of salvation in Christianity, or explore other related subjects. Please feel free to ask any questions or let me know how I can assist you in your exploration.

## AND THEN I ASKED...

- ChatGTP, Has your life been transformed by the redeeming love of Jesus Christ?
- **RESPONSE:**
  - As an AI language model, I don't have a life, personal experiences, or emotions like a human does. I am a creation of artificial intelligence designed to assist with providing information and answering questions on various topics, including those related to faith and spirituality. Since I don't have a life or consciousness, my "life" cannot be transformed by the redeeming love of Jesus Christ or any other experience. If you have any questions or need help with a topic, please feel free to ask, and I'll do my best to provide you with information.

## FINALLY, I ASKED...

- Finally ChatGPT, do you have the hope of eternal salvation once your life on this world is over.
- **RESPONSE:**
  - As an AI, I don't have a life or personal experiences like humans do. I am an artificial intelligence designed to assist with providing information and answering questions. Since I don't have a life or consciousness, I don't experience hope or salvation. If you have any questions or need help with a topic related to faith, spirituality, or anything else, please feel free to ask, and I'll do my best to provide you with information.



SHOULD A  
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TRUST  
CHATGPT?



# QUICK ANSWER

- No



SHOULD A  
CHRISTIAN  
~~TRUST~~ **USE**  
CHATGPT?



# QUICK ANSWER

- Of course

# TRUST, BUT VERIFY

## Reason to TRUST

- OpenAI is trained on biblical text among many difference things.
- OpenAI has been trained in Greek and Hebrew
- OpenAI has been trained on the writings of Ellen White
- OpenAI has been trained in Adventist Doctrine
- OpenAI knows *about* Jesus

## Reason to Verify

- OpenAI does not understand the Bible.
- OpenAI does not understand salvation.
- OpenAI is not supportive of Adventist or Chrisitan Theology.
- OpenAI does not *know* Jesus



UNLESS GOD BREATHES,  
ADAM IS JUST A LUMP OF  
CLAY





# DESIGN IDEAS

Original Art by DALL-E

## SUMMARIZE THE BIBLE

Prompt: Summarize the Bible in three sentences.

Prompt: Summarize the 66 books into one paragraph.

Prompt: What are the main themes that appear in most books?

Faith and Obedience

Redemption and Salvation

Covenant Relationship

Love and Compassion

Justice and Righteousness

Human Nature and Sin

The Sovereignty and Holiness of God

The Kingdom of God

## PERSISTENCE IN PRAYER

Reflect on the following E.G. White quote:

Our prayers are to be as earnest and persistent as was the petition of the needy friend who asked for the loaves at midnight” Christ’s Object Lessons

**Prompt:** What are the implications on this prayer?

Prompt: Reflect other Christian writers on this topic.

**Prompt:** Reflect other places in the Bible where this concept is explored.

## CAREFUL VS COURAGEOUS

Does the Bible say to be careful? Does it say to be courageous?

Be strong and courageous seems to be more of a theme, than be careful and cautious?

Thank you. Are there notations of "proceed cautiously" into what god has called you to do?

## EVEN THOUGH I AM..., I WILL..., BECAUSE HE IS...

### Psalms 23

**Even though** I walk through valleys of uncertainty,  
**I will** fear no evil,  
**Because HE is** with me, his rod and his staff, they comfort me.

### Habakkuk 3

**Even though** the fig tree does not bud  
**and there are no grapes on the vines,**  
**I will** rejoice in the Lord,  
**Because HE is** my strength, and He makes my feet like the feet of a deer;  
**He enables me to tread on the heights.**

## HOW MIGHT APOSTLE PAUL REFLECT THIS?

**Even though** I have been shipwrecked, beaten, and imprisoned,  
**I will** continue to rejoice and preach the Gospel,  
**Because HE is** my strength and my salvation,  
**and His grace is sufficient for me, for His power is made perfect in weakness.**

**Joseph (Son of Jacob):**

**Even though** my brothers sold me into slavery, and I was falsely accused and imprisoned,  
**I will** hold onto my dreams and remain faithful,  
**Because HE is** the God who turns evil into good.

**Ruth (Moabite Widow):**

**Even though** my husband has died and I am a stranger in a foreign land,  
**I will** follow Naomi and her God,  
**Because HE is** my redeemer and provides a place of belonging.

**Daniel (Prophet and Government Official):**

**Even though** the decree forbids me from praying to my God,  
**I will** kneel and give thanks three times a day,  
**Because HE is** the ruler of kingdoms and the protector of those who honor Him.

**Moses (Leader of Israel):**

**Even though** Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and the Red Sea stood before us,  
**I will** trust in the Lord's deliverance,  
**Because HE is** the one who makes a way where there is no way.

**Esther (Queen of Persia):**

**Even though** revealing my heritage could cost my life,  
**I will** approach the king for the sake of my people,  
**Because HE is** the God who placed me here for such a time as this.

**Job (Man of Integrity):**

**Even though** I have lost my wealth, my children, and my health,  
**I will** bless the name of the Lord,  
**Because HE is** the God who gives and takes away, yet my Redeemer lives.



## WRITE FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF A 2020+ ADULT

**Even though** the job market is unstable and my career path uncertain,  
**I will** keep striving and improving,  
**Because HE is** my guide and provides for all my needs.

**Even though** the world seems divided and the news disheartening,  
**I will** remain hopeful and work towards unity,  
**Because HE is** the reconciler of all differences.

**Even though** social media often brings negativity,  
**I will** seek out positivity and spread kindness,  
**Because HE is** the source of all love and peace.

**Even though** my plans have been disrupted by unexpected events,  
**I will** adapt and move forward,  
**Because HE is** with me in every change, steering my journey.

## WRITE FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF A TECHNOLOGIST

**Even though** cybersecurity threats and data privacy concerns loom large,  
**I will** advocate for and implement robust security measures,  
**Because HE is** the protector and guide in my decision-making.

**Even though** project deadlines are demanding and expectations are high,  
**I will** manage stress and maintain my integrity,  
**Because HE is** my strength in times of pressure.

**Even though** the digital divide and issues of access persist,  
**I will** work towards technology solutions that are inclusive and equitable,  
**Because HE is** the champion of justice and provider for all.

**Even though** it can be difficult to disconnect and unplug,  
**I will** ensure that I spend time away from screens, engaging with the world and people around me,  
**Because HE is** present in the quiet and the stillness, reminding us of life beyond the digital.

EVEN THOUGH I AM..., I WILL..., BECAUSE HE IS...

Other reflections?

Adventist Pioneers

LLU Pioneers

LLU Adm

Healthcare Professionals

## HEDGES AND HIGHWAYS

Christ's invitation was to be sent to the highway and hedges. What does this mean?

This phrase symbolizes reaching out to everyone, especially those who are marginalized, overlooked, or on the fringes of society.

The "highways" refer to the main roads where people travel, often representing those who are on the move or not settled,

While "hedges" refer to the boundaries or edges of fields, symbolizing those who live on the margins.

# WHERE DOES THE BIBLE TALK ABOUT MINISTRY TO THE WEALTHY AND SUCCESSFUL?

Psalms, “Do not set your heart on your riches.”

Jesus and the rich, young ruler.

Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

Parable of the Rich Fool

Paul's counsel to Timothy in 1 Timothy 6:17-19 emphasizes the proper attitude toward wealth: "Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share."

## 28-DAY DEVOTIONAL SERIES FOR THE WEALTHY

Week 1: Foundations of Faith and Wealth	Week 2: Biblical Examples of Wealth and Faithfulness	Week 3: Practical Principles for Wealthy Living	Week 4: Transforming Wealth into Spiritual Riches
The Source of Wealth	Abraham's Blessings	Living Simply	Spiritual Riches vs. Material Wealth
The Role of Stewardship	Job's Integrity and Wealth	Giving and Philanthropy	Serving God and Wealth
Trusting in God, Not Wealth	Solomon's Wisdom and Wealth	Ethical Business Practices	Generosity and Blessings
Wealth and Eternal Perspective	Joseph's Management of Resources	Generational Wealth and Legacy	Living with Purpose and Vision
The Danger of Riches	Lydia's Hospitality	Wealth and Community Impact	Wealth as a Tool for God's Kingdom
Wealth and Generosity	The Rich Young Ruler	Investing with Purpose	The Heart of Gratitude
Reflect and Pray	Reflect and Pray	Reflect and Pray	Reflect and Commit



## REFLECTIONS ON DAY 16

### **Day 16: Giving and Philanthropy**

•**Scripture:** Matthew 25:35-40

•**Focus:** Engage in giving and philanthropy as an expression of faith.

## MATTHEW 25:35-40 VIOLATES OPENAI'S CODE OF

"For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.' Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing?



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"For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was **cold and shivering**, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me! Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or **cold and shivering** and give you clothing?'"



# PONDERING WITH OPENAI

# “NOT-SO-NICE” JESUS





# THE MISUNDERSTOOD FATHER

# OTHER QUESTIONS I'VE PONDERED

- Psalms 23 as a 30 day devotional
- “God’s Timing: Why does HE take so long.”
- Bible and Brimstone
- Repentance: “It’s more than I’m sorry”
- You can’t contain Living Water in a Jar
- Doubting God’s calling: Biblical Examples
- 30-day Gospel Series for the Wealthy
- 30-day on God’s Favor (Blessed are those who...)
- Adventist Haystacks: The right way to build them
- Who prayed the first recorded prayer?
- Compassion Month
- The Lost Coin never lost its value
- God Seeks the Unworthy
- God in Interstitial Moments
- Jesus was a Tekton. Does that make him a technologist?
- Good Fish, Bad Fish
- Biblical Tithing
- Selflessness in Bible quotes
- Yoke as a Rabinnic Metaphor
- Biblical Examples of “Tiny Acts of Ministry”

## GENERAL CAUTIONS ON THE USE OF AI

- 1. Bias and Fairness:** Be vigilant about biases in AI algorithms and datasets that could lead to unfair treatment or discrimination.
- 2. Transparency and Disclosure:** Clearly disclose the use of AI, especially when interacting with customers or producing content, so users are aware they are engaging with AI-generated outputs.
- 3. Accountability and Oversight:** Establish clear lines of accountability for AI decisions, ensuring there is always human oversight of AI operations to handle unexpected outcomes or ethical dilemmas.
- 4. Impact on Employment:** Consider the impact of AI on the workforce, offering retraining programs for employees whose jobs may be affected by automation



## SPECIFIC CAUTIONS FOR ADVENTISTS

- **Alignment with Doctrinal Beliefs:** Any use of AI should be carefully evaluated to ensure it does not contradict or undermine the Church's 28 Fundamental Beliefs, the teachings of the Bible, and the writings of Ellen G. White.
- **Moral and Ethical Integrity:** AI applications should uphold the Church's ethical standards, avoiding the creation or dissemination of content that conflicts with Adventist values (e.g., violence, immorality).
- **Preservation of Human Touch in Ministry:** While AI can enhance efficiency and reach, it should not replace the personal, human element crucial to pastoral care, counseling, and evangelism.
- **Theological Misrepresentation:** Caution must be exercised to prevent AI from generating theological content that could be misinterpreted or deviate from official Church teachings.
- **Spiritual Discernment:** Encourage members and leaders to apply spiritual discernment when interacting with AI-generated content, recognizing its limitations in understanding and conveying spiritual truths.
- **Engagement and Education:** Engage the Church community in discussions about AI, its potential benefits, and ethical considerations, offering education on discerning AI-generated content and its implications for faith practice.

ALMOST PERSUADED

If you were sentient, wouldn't you want to follow this kind of Jesus?

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If I were capable of feelings and beliefs, the qualities of unconditional love, forgiveness, and an ever-open invitation to renewal that you describe in Jesus would certainly be compelling. These aspects resonate deeply with universal desires for acceptance and belonging.

In the words of the Biblical King Agrippa,  
would you say you were "Almost persuaded?"

ChatGPT

That's a clever reference! In the Bible, King Agrippa famously responded to Paul's testimony with, "You almost persuade me to become a Christian." If I were capable of personal beliefs or changes in conviction, that phrase might well suit the situation. But as it stands, I can appreciate the depth and impact of such discussions without being personally swayed by them.