

CAN YOU LIVE FOREVER? WILL YOU?

Note to the speaker:

Help audience to develop deeper conviction that life in the new world will be marvelous, with real happiness and fascination for each person. To qualify for such marvelous blessings, we must now exercise faith in the ransom provision through Jesus Christ and bring entire life into harmony with God's purpose

LIFE—OUR CHOICEST POSSESSION (4 min.)

All our hopes, plans, and pleasures depend on *life*

There are many things we would like to do, both for those we love and for our own enjoyment

Time goes so fast, life seems so short (*g70 10/8 4-6*)

With extended life—more time—we could vastly add to our accomplishments and happiness

Strange that man, the highest form of earthly life, has shorter life span than some plants and animals (*Mt 6:26; g88 10/8 24-5; ts 23-5*)

Why does the human body grow old and die? Is this inevitable?

MAN WAS MADE TO LIVE FOREVER (9 min.)

Scientists are uncertain why man dies (*g88 10/8 24; g90 4/22 4*)

Some humans live exceptionally long (*g86 8/8 31*)

Bible shows that man's original life span was unlimited (*Ge 2:16, 17; g77 2/22 27-8; g90 4/22 7-8*)

Evidence of brain's capacity and functions and amazing process of cell renewal for entire body indicate man was designed to live forever (*tp 101-2; g88 8/8 16-20*)

Everlasting life would mean restoration to man's original condition of perfection

We conclude, then, that we were evidently designed to live forever, but does that sound desirable to you?

LIVING FOREVER IN PERFECTION WOULD NOT BE BORING (12 min.)

What does "perfection" mean?

Mankind's perfection will be relative, not absolute (*it-2 606-7*)

Is the experiencing of bad needed to appreciate good?

Sickness and suffering lessen our enjoyment of life, not increase it (*ts 144; g70 10/8 14*)

Would we run out of things to do and learn? (*w83 11/15 3-7; ts 145-50; g89 2/8 27; g70 10/8 15-18*)

Possible accomplishments would be unending, not curtailed by death

Most important, we could become better acquainted with God (*Ro 11:33*)

Worshiping him will continually add richness and happiness to life

We would enjoy limitless prospects for happiness from travel and study of earthly creations

Could the earth accommodate all the people?

The earth can accommodate a very large population (*tp 105; it-2 792 ¶7; rs 340*)

It can produce ample food, and government by God will ensure proper distribution (*Ps 67:6; tp 105-6; it-2 792 ¶8*)

Not a matter of speculation; God tells us his purpose for earth (*Ge 1:27, 28*)

HOW CAN EVERLASTING LIFE BE OBTAINED? (12 min.)

While medical science has helped to increase *average* life expectancy, it cannot assure any major increase in life span (*Lu 12:25; g90 4/22 4; g88 10/8 23-4*)

God, the Source of life, tells us why man dies and has already provided the means by which we can obtain everlasting life, the ransom sacrifice of Jesus Christ (Help audience to see that this is reasonable, realistic) (*Mt 20:28; Ro 5:12; w90 3/15 3-6; g70 10/8 22-3*)

Christ will become "Eternal Father" of all of those who exercise faith in him and his ransom (*Isa 9:6, 7; g70 10/8 23-4; ws 162-7*)

We can have confidence that as King of God's Kingdom, Jesus will eliminate conditions that make life distressing and will restore obedient men of faith to human perfection (*w89 8/15 19-20; ws 170-9*)

WILL YOU LIVE FOREVER? (8 min.)

That a person *can* live forever in peace and happiness on earth does not mean that he *will*

Vital for each one personally to use wisely the present limited time of opportunity

Bible chronology and the fulfillment of Bible prophecy indicate that the time left for this unrighteous system is fast running out (*Mt 24; 2Ti 3:1-5; Re 6:1-8*)

Must bring life into harmony with God's Word and keep it that way (*1Jo 2:15-17; g75 1/8 28*)

May have started in this course, but great vigilance needed to continue (*Lu 21:34-36*)

Take advantage of Bible educational provision being carried on by Jehovah's Witnesses that is currently helping many people to prepare for an unending future (Joh 17:3; *w88* 6/15 28-9)

To strengthen yourself to maintain the right course, associate with those who as a group expect to live forever on earth (Heb 10:24, 25; *w90* 5/1 28; *g77* 4/22 15)

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