



## *Almost & All Together Persuaded To Have Eternal Life*

# GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**Text: Acts 26:24-32**

**Introduction:** What do you think about when you read Acts 26:24-32? What crosses your mind when you hear the song "Almost Persuaded." Philip P. Bliss penned this hymn in 1871 after listening to the conclusion of his preacher's sermon on Acts 26:28. He was compelled to write about eternal life. What is so awesome about eternal life? Let me share some thoughts with you....

### Discussion:

**I. *Eternal Life is Endless Safety***

*"I give them eternal life, and they will never die, and no one can steal them out of my hand." John 10:28*

**II. *Eternal Life is Endless Knowledge***

*"And this is eternal life: that people know you, the only true God, and that they know Jesus Christ the One you sent." John 17:3*

**III. *Eternal Life is Endless Abundance***

*"A thief comes to steal and kill and destroy, but I came to give life—life in all its fullness." John 10:10*

**IV. *Eternal Life is Endless Freedom***

*"The payment for sin is death. But God gives us the free gift of life forever in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23*

**V. *Eternal Life is Endless Treasures***

*"Fight the good fight of faith, grabbing hold of the life that continues forever. You were called to have that life when you confessed the good confession before many witnesses... By doing that, they will be saving a treasure for themselves as a strong foundation for the future. Then they will be able to have the life that is true life." I Timothy 6:12, 19*

**VI. *Eternal Life is Endless Joy***

*"You have not seen Christ, but still you love him. You cannot see him now, but you believe in him. So you are filled with a joy that cannot be explained, a joy full of glory." I Peter 1:8*

**VII. *Eternal Life is Endless Assurance***

*"Whoever has the Son has life, but whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write this letter to you who believe in the Son of God so you will know you have eternal life." I John 5:12-13*

**VIII. *Eternal Life is Endless Acceptance***

*"The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" Let the one who hears this say, "Come!" Let whoever is thirsty come; whoever wishes may have the water of life as a free gift." Revelation 22:17*

**Conclusion:** Eternal life is God's gift to you through Jesus Christ, but there are steps you have to take toward Him (believe in Him, confess His name, repent of your sins, be baptized, and bear fruit). Will you receive eternal life? Will you be almost and all together persuaded? Don't wait until it's too late.

**WORD OF THE DAY = "Eternal"**