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Welcome back to our series entitled the Unpreached Gospel. If you've missed any of our previous messages in this series, check them out. We have learned that we live in an age that will one day pass away and with those who belong to Jesus, there is a promise of a future Kingdom – When the Kingdom of God comes in fullness. This earth no going be the same. There is gonna be a new heaven and a new earth. All creation, all living creatures no goin experience decay, corruption, no death. Going be like how was before Adam and Eve brought wrongdoing into the world. So no going get medical care professionals in the age to come, no goin have military, no need carry keys no moa, no goin get junk food fo eat, and I no think even goin get Disneyland, cuz every place going be the happiest place in the world! But the main difference in this age to come will be we'll know God fully because that future Kingdom will be about Jesus being our King. I hope you are you excited about the promise of this coming Age?

What I'll be focusing on today is yes, we know that eternal life is a future promise, something we all can look forward to, but is it also a present day reality, that you and me can experience here and now. Maybe not in the fullness of the age to come, but we'll learn we can experience some of the benefit of that eternal life now.

I'll start out with sharing with you about my journey to becoming a follower of Jesus. I've told this story many times. I did not grow up in a Christian home, so I didn't know about what would happen after this life. And that one uncertainty bothered me much, especially in my high school years. I didn't have any hope for what would happen to me after I die. It's not that I would think about this all the time, but in those moments at night before sleeping, I'd think, one day, I'll die and my existence would end. That thought scared me. But, you go sleep, wake up and you go about your business and just live for the moment. And that's what I did.

So when I got to college at UH, and this guy I did kolohe stuff with, rascal, waste time kine stuff with in a summer job, ran up to me and no joke, said, "Earl, I'm save now." Brah, what happened, you almost wen drown? No, I became a Christian. And then one conversation led to the next and I remember him sharing in one of those convos, he said Earl, if you believe in Jesus, he'll give you Everlasting Life. And I said, "I like that!"

So I said, believe in Jesus, and he said, yeah, and I said how, and he said, just pray, but I dunno how fo pray, so he said a prayer and I repeated it. And remember Pastor Mark sharing about his prayer for his grandma in Maui to receive Jesus. Well, my friend was like Pastor Mark for me. And I was 18 yrs old.

I remember attending his crazy emotional church, hand raising kine church almost like ours, an telling everyone, I'm saved. And if someone asked me saved from what? I dunno, but "I have everlasting life now."