

## WHAT IS ETERNITY

“He has made everything beautiful in its time.  
Also He has put eternity in their hearts,  
except that no one can find out the work  
that God does from beginning to end.”

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Ecc 3:11



## ETERNITY - THE CONCEPT

The concept of eternity is somewhat difficult to understand as on this earth, we are born, live for a time, and die. As a result, eternity is a far away thought for most people.

Psalms 90:2 says, “Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.” Then Isaiah 40:8 adds, “The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever.”

The notion of eternity needs serious consideration, as our understanding of the concept of eternal life will have a direct impact on how we live this life. In other words, knowing there will be an unending life after the death of our body, the choices we make will have a direct impact on how this afterlife will translate for us. Then, the notion of eternity alone should motivate us to seriously seek guidance from God’s Word.

John 1:1 says, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.”

Knowing Christ is the Word of God, isn’t there reason enough to at least study His Word to find out what’s in store depending on our choices?

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“In My Father’s house are many mansions;  
if it were not so, I would have told you.  
I go to prepare a place for you.  
And if I go and prepare a place for you,  
I will come again and receive you to Myself;  
that where I am, there you may be also.”

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John 14:2-3



## ETERNITY - WHAT IT MEANS

Jesus tells us that in eternity, there are many mansions, and the word mansion itself tells us it is no ordinary dwelling but rather an impressive castle, and in a perfect environment. He also tells us He's going to prepare a place to welcome us into His presence, and that it is obviously reserved for those who are born again through faith in Christ. (John 3:16)

Paul in Hebrews 9:27 says, “And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.” How could we define judgment and who is it reserved for? Jesus answered it this way: “He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him, the Word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.” (John 12:48) In simple terms, those who are Christ have an eternal mansion reserved with Him, and those without Christ are subject to an eternal judgment.

Therefore, eternity isn't reserved only for those who surrender to Christ and follow Him, but as well for everyone who has ever existed or will. The only difference rests with whether we will live forever in the glorious and perfect presence of God, or be dead spiritually and live eternally in torment, complete darkness and without any end in sight.

Have we made our choice yet?

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“For he who sows to his flesh  
will of the flesh reap corruption,  
but he who sows to the Spirit  
will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.”

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Gal 6:8



## ETERNITY - THE CHOICE

We are taught that life is a series of choices, and whatever choice we make will generate a corresponding outcome. Additionally, the world offers a variety of philosophies for happiness, satisfaction, enjoyment, and the list could go on.

Does God however offer a variety of choices for eternity? The truth is that there are only two choices we can make when it comes to God. Either we submit to His Sovereign Will, or not; THAT'S IT! Jesus, in John 5:24 clarified God's Irrevocable Sovereign Will in these clear terms, "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life."

In other words, our eternal outcome will not be according to what we think, or our personal philosophy about God and eternity, or even from what false religion and prophets teach, but rather on God's Sovereignty as Creator that He has already established. While the world offers a myriad of religions, philosophies and beliefs based on the pride of life, God's Eternal Word is what will stand forever.

While the choice is ours to make, the outcome without fail will be to God's already established Sovereign Will!

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“For God so loved the world  
that He gave His only begotten Son,  
that whoever believes in Him  
should not perish but have everlasting life.”

John 3:16

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## ETERNITY - HOW TO

If we could bring the solution for inheriting eternal life in the glorious presence of God, down to a core statement, what would it be? Jesus laid it out clearly in John 3:16. It couldn't be any more simple and to the point than that. In John 17:3, Jesus added, “And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”

If someone asked, “How do you know that the bible is truly God's Word;” how would you answer? Mine would be, “Show me another book that describes creation, brings thousands of years of history witnessing to God's miracles and power, how He established His law and laid out the path to eternal life, how prophecies made thousands of years before Christ happened to the minute detail, even His death on the cross, and I'll look at it.” We all know there isn't any other God inspired book that provides us with the truth about God, such as in His Word, the bible.

In essence, God seeks that we live by faith in His Word. That's why Paul said in 2 Cor 5:7, “For we walk by faith, not by sight.” So, the clear path to eternity can simply be brought down to this: “Choose God's way through Christ by faith,” period. Or would you rather believe the lies of the world?

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**A REALITY WE ALL WILL FACE!**

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Isaiah 40:8

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We live in a world that is highly developed scientifically, and our society is also the wealthiest that this world has ever known. Additionally, anyone can see that our society squanders its resources faster than they actual can amass it, with the result of heavy indebtedness.

Our world is definitely in serious trouble, as it is fixed on materialism exclusively without the thought of eternity. The foolishness of the world is clearly described in the Word of God, and we are constantly warned about being fooled and falling captive to deceiving prophets or the pursuit of money. Proverbs 16:16 sates, “How much better to get wisdom than gold! To get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.”

Paul also gave us this warning in Eph 5:15-16, “So then, be careful how you walk, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil.” Eternity isn’t a pipe dream from weak thinking believers, as the world labels us. Rather, it is a reality that WE ALL WILL FACE. That’s why the way we understand and process eternity in this life has a direct effect on how we view God and live this life.

How much longer will we be of this world before we face eternity, and how do we understand eternity?

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