



Eternity

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The God-Given Task

Ecclesiastes 3:9-15 What gain has the worker from his toil? 10 I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. 11 **He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.** 12 I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; 13 also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man.

14 I perceived that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. God has done it, so that people fear before him. 15 That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already has been; and God seeks what has been driven away. ESV

Ecclesiastes 3:9-14 But in the end, does it really make a difference what anyone does? 10 I've had a good look at what God has given us to do — busywork, mostly. 11 **True, God made everything beautiful in itself and in its time — but he's left us in the dark, so we can never know what God is up to, whether he's coming or going.** 12 I've decided that there's nothing better to do than go ahead and have a good time and get the most we can out of life. 13 That's it — eat, drink, and make the most of your job. It's God's gift.

14 I've also concluded that whatever God does, that's the way it's going to be, always. No addition, no subtraction. God's done it and that's it. That's so we'll quit asking questions and simply worship in holy fear. The Message



The Great Challenge

What is the Meaning of Life?

Dealing with Frustrating Restrictions

God's Ways are Good!

THIS LIFE IS NOT ALL THERE IS

- **2 Corinthians 5:2, NIV**: Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling,
- **2 Corinthians 5:2, ESV**: For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling,
- **2 Corinthians 5:2, KJV**: For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

Destination and Preparation

Preparing for a Final Destination

Life on Earth – MANY choices

Eternity – only TWO choices

C. S. Lewis said, “There are two kinds of people: those who say to God ‘Thy will be done’ and those to whom God says, ‘All right then, have it your way.’ ” Tragically, many people will have to endure eternity without God because they chose to live without him here on earth.

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- Live with a preparation mentality
- Why is life hard?
- Life isn't perfect!

The destination is extremely important!
You don't get to the destination without
embracing the journey!

Eternity Perspective

- At most, you will live a hundred years on earth, but you will spend forever in eternity.
- We are all living for something, in pursuit of something, or in the service of something.
- The perspective of eternity is an enormous help when it comes to our struggle of values, because it teaches us what is truly valuable and worth living for. Eternity blesses us with ultimate values clarification.

- **Revelation 4:6-11** In the center and around the throne were four living beings, each covered with eyes, front and back. 7 The first of these living beings was like a lion; the second was like an ox; the third had a human face; and the fourth was like an eagle in flight. 8 Each of these living beings had six wings, and their wings were covered all over with eyes, inside and out. Day after day and night after night they keep on saying, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty—the one who always was, who is, and who is still to come." 9 Whenever the living beings give glory and honor and thanks to the one sitting on the throne (the one who lives forever and ever), 10 the twenty-four elders fall down and worship the one sitting on the throne (the one who lives forever and ever). And they lay their crowns before the throne and say, 11 "You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created all things, and they exist because you created what you pleased." NLT



Revelations 5:11-14 Then I looked again, and I heard the voices of thousands and millions of angels around the throne and of the living beings and the elders. 12 And they sang in a mighty chorus:

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered—
to receive power and riches
and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and blessing."

13 And then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea. They sang:

"Blessing and honor and glory and power
belong to the one sitting on the throne
and to the Lamb forever and ever."

14 And the four living beings said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped the Lamb.

