

Wired for Eternity

“He has put eternity in their hearts”

Ecclesiastes 3:11

God has put eternity in our hearts, but how do we comprehend eternity? Nothing in this life satisfies and we sense there's something more, a longing that we can't explain away.

Jesus tells us to believe in Him if we want eternal life. In John 5:24 He says that “. . . whoever hears my word and believes Him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life” (NIV).

And what does it mean to have eternal life? In John 17:3, Jesus explains, “Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.” (NIV)

As believers, we're thankful and blessed with the hope of eternal life. Why is it though, that so many give little thought to what happens when we die? There's a common belief that everyone goes to Heaven no matter what they believe, but why would

those who've shunned Him on earth want to be with Him in eternity?

Then there are those who suddenly confess faith when they know they're near the end. Although they didn't search for Him while living, they scramble to find Him when dying. More than once I've ministered to those who've lived godless lives, but when the end came (with eternity in their hearts), they frantically sought God.

Even at that late hour, I urged them to repent and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. I told them the story of the repentant thief who was delivered from the judgment for his sins because he cried out to the Lord just before he died. I held out hope to them. That was all I could do.

Did God hear them, or was it too late? Only He knows.

Eternity is indeed impressed in the hearts of people, and Christians should urge all who would listen to repent and believe the Gospel

message. As followers of Christ we ought to rejoice in the truth that eternity is ours to enjoy forever.

Scripture alone reveals the sad truth. If you live without God, you'll die without Him.

When you arrive in Heaven you'll soon enough forget the pain and suffering of this life. It's then you'll view the splendors and fall before your Saviour lost in wonder, love, and praise.

“Let us cleave to Christ more closely, love Him more heartily, live to Him more thoroughly, copy Him more exactly, confess Him more boldly, follow Him more fully. Religion like this will always bring its own reward. Worldly people may laugh at it. Weak brethren may think it extreme. But it will wear well. At even time it will bring us light. In sickness it will bring us peace. In the world to come it will give us a crown of glory that fadeth not away.” J.C. Ryle

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