

live for eternity now

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

1 Corinthians 15:17-20 teaches us that life would be hopeless if it were to end here and now. However, as verse 20 declares, CHRIST HAS BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD. Because Christ rose again, we have great hope for eternity with Him. In Daniel 12:2-3, we see that our life on earth impacts our future, emphasizing that eternity begins now. Our choices and how we live today determine an everlasting life or an everlasting contempt and disgrace. There are three realities we must accept:

life after death — live wisely

In Luke 12:19-21, Jesus tells a story about eternity — a man who worked hard, became successful, and decided to 'eat, drink, and be merry.' However, God rebukes this foolishness with an unexpected truth—the man will die that night, leaving everything behind. Many people today live for the temporal, ignoring thoughts of eternity. Death respects no one. Sooner or later, we will all die. Where are we going to spend it?

In 2 Samuel 13, Amnon, David's heir, desires his half-sister Tamar and, with a deceitful plan, rapes her. Despite Tamar's pleas, Amnon ignores her, leading to devastating consequences. Tamar was left shattered, and Absalom, fueled by anger, later kills Amnon. This story illustrates the consequences of unguarded desires, the lack of self-control, and the destructive impact of sin.

In 1 Corinthians 15:19-24, Paul writes on about eternity, explaining that because of Adam, all of us died, and it is through Christ that we are entitled to the same resurrection He had. He mentions how all those who are dead will come back to life (resurrection of the dead.) Knowing this great plan, we must indeed be wise with how we live our lives now!

Lordship of Jesus — live to please Him

1 Corinthians 15:25-28 talks about the last enemy that will be abolished: DEATH. Because of the resurrection of Christ, He has the authority to subject everything under God's control. Someday, Jesus is coming back to reign and He will subject everyone to judgment.

Revelation 20:11-15 says that there will be judgment, and we cannot hide it! Many evil things may be perpetuated by the rich and powerful, but we must remember this: in His time, God will carry out righteousness and justice, as He promised. We can rest assured that Jesus judges fairly and that we can surrender to Him.

glorious future — live with hope

1 Corinthians 2:9 tells us that nothing compares to what God has in store for us, and this is something we can look forward to. Paul wrote so much about our indescribable future. 1 Corinthians 15:35-44 illustrates the reality of DEATH through the seed as well as the different forms of heavenly bodies. Then, it mentions the "glorified bodies" we gain in resurrection when we are raised in power and glory! In 1 Corinthians 15:45-47, there is a comparison between Adam, the first man created in the biblical narrative, and the second man, who is identified as Christ. Adam, as the representative of humanity, brought sin and death into the world. In contrast, Christ, the second man, brings life and resurrection. This highlights the redemptive work of Christ and His role in reversing the effects of sin and death.

While our eternity in Christ may be unthinkable, 1 Corinthians 15:50-52 tells us that we will all be changed in an instant at the sound of the last trumpet. 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17 describes how we, along with those who died, will meet the Lord in the air. The best is yet to come!

1 Corinthians 15:55-58 comforts us that we have a great victory "through our Lord Jesus Christ." Someday, death will lose its sting or power so we must "be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord" — our labor is not in vain. Following Jesus will never be a waste of time. We look forward to the glorious future that was promised (Revelation 21:1-5), and we can continue to hope for this as we live our lives for eternity NOW. What we do for the Lord will truly count in eternity!

last week's memory verse

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

discuss this message

What will you do different in your life knowing the truth that there is life after death?

How will Christ's own victory over death help you become victorious over your own battles with sin?

What do you think you should do to gain eternal rewards in heaven?

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1 God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments — Deuteronomy 7:9*

2 God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. — Romans 3:23

3 God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. — Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. — John 14:6

4 God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. — John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. — Ephesians 2:8-9

5 God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:11-13



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