

Messenger of Truth

"Holding forth the Word of Life" (Phil. 2:16)

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Eternity

"He who provides for this life, but takes no care for eternity, is wise for a moment, but a fool forever." – Tillotson

"The day which we fear as our last is but the birthday of eternity." – Lucius Annaeus Seneca

"Every action in our lives touches on some chord that will vibrate in eternity." – Edwin Hubbel Chapin

"For a person who is dying only eternity counts." – Friedrich Durrenmatt

"I think the life we are living now is just a blink in the eye of eternity." – Keir Dullea

Perhaps in our preaching of all the subjects that may have alluded us, eternity has to be at the top of the list. If we were more diligent to emphasize it, we may well find a vast improvement in the efforts to save souls. Brethren would be more apt to see the importance of attending all of the services of the church, and making God a top priority in their lives.

This life is but a proverbial drop in the vastness of the ocean. A single grain of sand in a beach that extends for miles. People put too much stock in the here and now. They fail to see that their lives may be up to a hundred years, which is nothing in comparison to eternity (cf. Psalms 90:10).

If there were a wish one could have, it would be for someone to be removed from this world, and allowed to see it from space. To be able then to see the vastness of stars and to know how small man really is. And in that wish, that the individual could see and realize that for a very short life (James 4:14), nothing in this present world could possibly compare to what we might say, in our finite minds, is time without end.

One of the great hymns that we sing is *Amazing Grace*. Yet in that very song, we gloss over the reality of what it says. "When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise, than when we first begun."

In the great vastness of numbers, 70 or 80, or even 100 years is so insignificant. Can you imagine a time span of a thousand years, a million years, a billion years, a trillion years, a quadrillion years, a quintillion...and the enormity of the numbers go on and on. Is the foolishness of a single life worth an eternity apart from God?

"And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life" (Matthew 25:46).