

Living In Light Of Eternity

Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory He will reveal to us later. Romans 8:18 (NLT)

How To Live In Light Of Eternity:

1. I must embrace I was made for <a>Eternity not just here.

God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us...So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." Gen. 1:26-27 (NLT)

...He (God) has planted eternity in the human heart... Ecc. 3:11 (NLT)

For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands. **2 Corinthians 5:1 (NLT)**

2. I must understand I have <u>options</u> on <u>where</u> and <u>how</u> we will spend eternity.

For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to **judge the world, but to**

save the world through him. There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son. John 3:16-18 (NLT)

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. **Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)**

3. I must recognize what I do with my life now will impact eternity.

For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. Mark 8:35 (NIV)

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:19-21 (NIV)

4. I must Group Up and encourage one another.

And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. **Hebrews 10:25 (NLT)**

Going deeper on your own. Read through today's message notes. Pastor Jay stated that everything we say, think, and do on earth is being recorded in Heaven. Have you ever given that much thought (Revelation 21:12-15)? Read Mark 8:35. Think about what we are truly trying to save and why? Pastor Jay said "that when we get to eternity, God will ask us two questions; "What did you do with my son? And how did you use the life I gave you?" How would you answer those questions? Pastor Jay said, "If we truly live our life with eternity in mind, our priorities would be really easy to define." Do you agree or disagree? How does living with an eternal view help us live this life?