



#1 Forever

1. THIS LIFE IS NOT ALL THERE IS

John 6:51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.

John 11:26...everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.

John 3:36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

Matthew 25:46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

Hebrews 9:27 And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment...

1 Corinthians 6:14 And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.

Romans 14:10 For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God...

2 Timothy 4:18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever.

2 Peter 1:11 For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2. THE NEXT LIFE WILL DWARF THIS LIFE

3. THERE IS A ONE-WAY LINK OF IMPACT FROM HERE TO ETERNITY

Revelation 22:12 (NIV) “Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done.”

A. Jesus and His apostles promised that there will be a day when everyone’s life will be EVALUATED by God.

Matthew 16:27 For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

Romans 14:12 So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

B. On that Day Jesus will REWARD believers for how they lived their lives on earth

Matthew 5:11 Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven...

Luke 14:14... For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.

Matthew 10:42 And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.

Luke 6:35 But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great...

2 Timothy 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

C. That Day will be a time of great rejoicing & great REGRET

Matthew 6:1 Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

2 John 8 Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but may win a full reward.

Revelation 3:11 I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown.

D. Choose Now. Impact Forever!

ACCEPT THE 30-DAY ETERNITY CHALLENGE

- Eternity Challenge #1** – sign up to receive an *Eternity* text message each day containing scripture and a provocative assignment that is bound to stretch your thinking beyond this life and reshape your priorities (**text “Eternity” to 313131**)
- Eternity Challenge #2** – commit to attending as many Celebrations as you can during the next five weeks, and respond to His Word each time with repentance, faith, and action.
- Eternity Challenge #3** – participate in “30-Day Challenge” Small Group and discover the power of gospel community for changing your life!