

Life After Death
The Truth About Eternity

I. Introduction

II. The Truth About Eternity for Those Outside the Family of God

- A. I would be grateful
- B. I would be relieved
 - 1. Nobody gets away with anything!
 - 2. Amos 5:24 (NAS) *"But let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."*
- C. I would be hopeful
- D. I would be sobered
 - 1. There is only so much time to make this decision!

III. The Truth About Eternity for Those Inside the Family of God

- A. An overwhelming sense of peace
 - 1. Our assurance of heaven is based on what Jesus Christ did for us on the cross!
 - 2. Ephesians 2:8-9 (NAS) *⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; ⁹not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.*
- B. A sense of the anticipation for heaven and the new creation
 - 1. Philippians 1:21-24 (NAS) *²¹For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²²But if I am to live on in the flesh, this will mean fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose. ²³But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better; ²⁴yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.*
 - 2. Why do Christians long for heaven?
 - a. The reality of suffering
 - b. The limitations of time
 - c. To relate to Jesus face-to-face
- C. An urgent sense of mission

1. Matthew 28:18-20 (NAS) ¹⁸*All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.*
2. The Bible says only 2 things last in eternity: people and God's Word!
3. Matthew 4:19 (NAS) *"Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."*

IV. Conclusion