



Foundations



Eternity

Areas of Controversy...

Die for -

Divide for -

Debate for -

Decide for -

Doctrines Covered So Far:

1. The Word of God
2. God the Father & the Trinity
3. God the Son
4. God the Holy Spirit
5. Humanity
6. Redemption, Salvation & Assurance

Eternity

- What is Heaven?
- What is Hell?
- What are the other places mentioned?
(Abraham's Bosom, New Earth, Sheol, Hades, Gehenna, the Bottomless Pit, ect)

Eternity

Why is the church largely uninformed about heaven and hell?

- It is not taught often or understood
- There is conflicting information from people
- Misunderstanding of Eschatology views
- Multiple places in time Heaven and hell are different

Serving God VS Mammon - Eternity

“24 “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon [money, possessions, fame, status, or whatever is valued more than the Lord].”

Matthew 6:24 AMP

Deceitfulness of Riches - Eternity

“22 Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.”

Matthew 13:22

Kingdom of Heaven- Eternity

“44 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

Matt 13:44

Eternal Life & Eternal Condemnation

Will Mankind as a whole exist eternally after physical death?

YES, both the saved and unsaved will exist eternally.

(Ecc 3:11; Job 3:19; 19:25-27; Dan 12:2; Matt 25:46; Mark 9:43-44; Rev 20:10, 15)

Eternity - Hades - Sheol

Sheol & Hades - Means “grave” and or place of the dead. Both before and after Jesus’ atoning work and resurrection. Who is there changes with time

Abraham’s Bosom - A separated place of the righteous dead in Hades before the atoning work of Jesus.

Eternity - Hell

Sheol/Hades - Current Hell, place of conscience waiting

The Abyss/Bottomless Pit - A place that evil forces and beings that are restrained and let loose from here

(Gen 37:35, 42:38; Ps 49:15, 55:15; Isa 14:15, 28:15; Hos 13:14; Lk 16:22-23; Mt 16:18; Acts 2:27)

Eternity - Hell

Tartarus - A borrowed word from the greek, lowest hell, a place reserved for restraining demons.

Gehenna/Lake of Fire - Future and eternal hell that will exist throughout eternity. A final place of judgement for all the resurrected ungodly, Satan and his demons after the final judgement.

(Jer 7:31, 31:40; 2 Kg 23:10; Is 30:33, 66:24; Mk 9:43; Lk 12:5; Matt 10:28, 23:15; Rev 20:10, 15 ect)

Eternity - Jesus Descending into Hell?

He did descend to Hades and what He did there is:

- “He led captivity captive” faithful to heaven

- Did not see corruption, nor stay in Sheol

- Preached to the spirits(demons) in prison

- Proclaimed victory to the faithful dead

(Ps 16:10-11; Eph 4:7-10; 1 Pet 3:18-20, 4:6 Lk 23:43)

“6 So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. 7 For we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather **to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.**”

2 Corinthians 5:6-7

Eternity - Current/Intermediate Heaven

Heavenly Realities:

We will/are NOT: disembodied spirits, playing harps, floating around in clouds, no wings or halos, ect.

Eternity - Current/Intermediate Heaven

Heavenly Realities:

It will be a paradise * It will be better than living here; It is most likely in located in the earthly atmosphere but unseen(Jacobs Ladder, Steven's stoning he sees heaven, Jesus goes up and comes down from the sky) * It will have physical properties just like in Abrahams bosom.

(Lk 16:19-31; 23:43; Phil 1:23; Matt 17:3; 2Kg 6:17; Acts 7:55-56; Gen 28:12)

Eternity - Current/Intermediate Heaven

Heavenly Realities:

We will see God * There will be living creatures *
There will be physical realities * We will worship God
* We will see our loved ones * We will know who we
are and who people are * We will witness God's
plans unfolding and be a part of them * We will have
joy to the max!

(2 Cor 5:8; Rev 4:3, 7-8, 5:9-10; Lk 16:24; Ps 16:11)

Eternity - Heaven

“In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”

Psalm 16:11

Eternity - Judgement Seat of Christ

“9 Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.
10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

2 Corinthians 5:9-10

Eternity - Judgement Seat of Christ

“31 For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. 32 But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.”

1 Corinthians 11:31-32

Eternity - Judgement Seat of Christ

“12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each one’s work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is.”

1 Corinthians 3:12-13

Eternity - Judgement Seat of Christ

“14 If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.”

1 Corinthians 3:14-15

Eternity - Judgement Seat of Christ

- Purpose is for reward
- Not for judgement or condemnation
- Everything done in faith and by the power of the Holy Spirit is Gold, Silver & Precious Stones
- Everything not done in faith is burnt up

Eternity - Millennial Reign

- Takes Place after tribulation
- Satan is bound in the bottomless pit
- Fulfillment of all unfulfilled Messianic promises
- We will rule and reign with Christ for 1,000 years

(Rev 20:1-6; Isa 2:1-4; Ps 2:7-9; Is 11:3-10, 65:20-25; 2 Tim 2:12; Jer 30:7-8)

Eternity - New Heavens & New Earth

- Takes Place after Satan and the dead are judged
- Is the eternal Heaven we think of, but is a physical place
- No more sin or death ever!
- Dwelling with God for eternity!

Eternity - New Heavens & New Earth

“Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.”

Revelation 21:1-2

Eternity - New Heavens & New Earth

“3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying,

“Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people.

God Himself will be with them and be their God.

4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying.

There shall be no more pain, for the former things

have passed away” Revelation 21:3-4

Eternity - New Heavens & New Earth

“5 Then He who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.” 6 And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. 7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.” Revelation 21:5-7

Eternity - New Heavens & New Earth

““17 And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely. 20 He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming quickly.” Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! 21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.”

Revelation 22:17; 20-21