



Two Keys

January 4, 2026

Ice Breaker

What's one goal or plan you've made for 2026, and how far ahead do you typically like to plan things in your life?

Key Verses

- Luke 6:20-23
- John 3:14-17
- Ephesians 2:8-9
- Romans 3:21-24
- John 3:20

Questions

- Before this sermon, how much did you think about eternity and what it might be like? What shaped your perspective?
- Jesus said to 'rejoice and jump for joy' when people hate or exclude us for being Christians. How does this challenge our culture's view of acceptance and belonging?
- What's the difference between salvation and eternal rewards? Why is it important to distinguish between these two concepts?
- The pastor mentioned that God is like an accountant tracking everything we do for Him. How does this image of God affect your view of daily Christian living?
- Jesus taught that we should do good things for people who cannot repay us. How might this principle apply to your relationships and interactions this week?
- How does understanding that 'our actions now will affect our future forever' change your perspective on seemingly small daily decisions?

- The sermon emphasized that only Christians can earn eternal rewards. How does this motivate you to share the gospel with others?
- What questions do you have about eternal rewards that you hope this sermon series will address?

Life Application

This week, identify one specific way you can serve Jesus or show love to someone who cannot repay you. It could be helping a neighbor, encouraging someone who's struggling, or taking a stand for your faith even if it's uncomfortable. Remember that this action has eternal significance and will be rewarded by God.

Key Takeaways

- There are two keys to eternity: belief (determines where you spend eternity) and behavior (determines how you spend eternity)
- Salvation is a free gift through faith in Jesus Christ and cannot be earned through works
- Once saved, Christians can earn eternal rewards through their faithful service and actions for Jesus
- God tracks and will reward every act of service done for Him, no matter how small
- Our actions today have eternal consequences and significance that should motivate us to live differently

Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for the incredible truth that our lives have eternal significance. Thank You for the gift of salvation that we could never earn, and thank You for the opportunity to serve You and receive eternal rewards. Help us to live each day with an eternal perspective, knowing that everything we do for You matters forever. Give us courage to take risks for Your sake, even when others may reject or exclude us. Help us to be generous with those who cannot repay us, trusting that You will reward our faithfulness. As we continue in this series, open our hearts to understand more about the eternal rewards You have prepared for us. May our lives bring You glory and may we find joy in serving You. In Your precious name we pray, Amen.