



OPENING QUOTE from “Do You Believe?” by Paul David

“Without the doctrine of eternity, there would be no such thing as the gospel of Jesus Christ, let alone any such thing as gospel hope. If there is no future where justice is meted out and where the drama of sin and death is finally resolved, then none of the doctrines that we have considered our worth our attention.”

SCRIPTURE ON ETERNITY

Ecclesiastes 12:14	Matthew 12:36; 25:21, 32-46
Mark 9:48; 13:35-37	Luke 12:35-40
John 5:22-27	Acts 17:31
1 Corinthians 5:3	Romans 9:22-23; 14:10-12
2 Thessalonians 1:5-10	2 Timothy 4:8
Jude 6	Revelation 22:20

KEY IDEAS

WE NEED ETERNITY FOR RESOLUTION

Quote

“Everyone cries out for eternity—they just don’t know it.”

Question

- Think back through the story of Scripture as well as your own life. What are some examples of creation still waiting for a final resolution?

WE NEED ETERNITY FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

Quote

“The doctrine of eternity is a foundational Christian interpretive tool. It should define the way you think about your past, your present, your future, yourself, God, and meaning and purpose. Without this truth as a structural part of your thinking, you will not make proper sense out of your life.”

Questions

- Read **2 Peter 3:11-13**. What do these verses on eternity teach us about our present lives?

- *How does the doctrine of eternity provide encouragement to those who are presently suffering?*

Quote

“We all long for the final defeat of evil. We all cry out for a world where there is no more injustice. ...Hell tells us evil be defeated. Hell tells us there will be a righteous judgment.”

Questions

- *Read **Matthew 25:31-46**. How do these verses describe hell? Specifically, what is so bad about separation from God?*
- *According to these verses, how does the reality of hell manifest itself in the lives of humans today?*
- *What hope, if any, does the doctrine of eternity provide to those who are presently lost in sin?*

WE NEED ETERNITY FOR REAL (REEL)

Concepts

- *Look up and away*
- *Enjoy waiting (Embrace the “Not-Yet”)*
- *Keep watching the counterintuitive movie trailer*

CLOSING QUOTE from “Do You Believe?” by Paul David Tripp

“The doctrine of eternity is essential to our faith. The glories of the new heavens and new earth are laid out for us so that we would live with the comfort of knowing that God will keep all of his promises to us, that he will fix everything that sin has broken, and that we will finally be made like the Son, no longer with our back bent over with the burden of remaining sin. The horrors of hell are laid out for us as a loving warning from a perfectly holy but tenderhearted heavenly Father. He wants us to understand the Godwardness of everything we do, the seriousness of sin, and the moral consequences of rejecting his authority, repudiating his law, denying a need for his grace, and living as we please.”