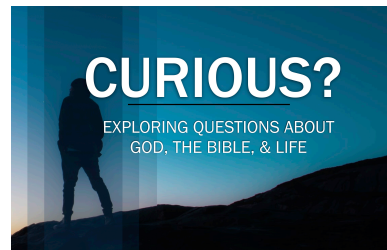


SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

Made for Eternity

With Ryan Dawson - Lead Pastor
May 2, 2021



Why do you think we struggle to feel comfortable with time?

*"C.S. Lewis in his second letter to me at Oxford, asked how it was that I, as a product of a materialistic universe, was not at home there. 'Do fish complain of the sea for being wet? Or if they did, would that fact itself not strongly suggest that they had not always been, or would not always be, purely aquatic creatures? Then, if we complain of time and take such joy in the seemingly timeless moment, what does that suggest? **It suggests that we have not always been or will not always be purely temporal creatures. It suggests that we were created for eternity.** Not only are we harried by time, we seem unable, despite a thousand generations, even to get used to it. We are always amazed by it--how fast it goes, how slowly it goes, how much of it is gone. Where, we cry, has the time gone? We aren't adapted to it, not at home in it. If that is so, it may appear as a proof, or at least a powerful suggestion, that eternity exists and is our home. Sheldon Vanauken, A Severe Mercy*

"If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world." C.S. Lewis

Ecclesiastes 3:9-11 (NLT) What do people really get for all their hard work? ¹⁰ I have seen the burden God has placed on us all. ¹¹ Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end.

Ecclesiastes 3:9-11 (Amplified) [God] has made everything beautiful and appropriate in its time. He has also planted eternity [sense of divine purpose] in the human heart [a mysterious longing which nothing under the sun can satisfy, except God]—yet man cannot find out (comprehend, grasp) what God has done (His overall plan) from the beginning to the end.

- **We were made for Eternity.**

"You have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in you." St. Augustine

- **We were made for relationship with Eternal God.**

John 17:1-5 (NLT) After saying all these things, Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son so he can give glory back to you. ² For you have given him authority over everyone. He gives eternal life to each one you have given him. ³ And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth. ⁴ I brought glory to you here on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. ⁵ Now, Father, bring me into the glory we shared before the world began.

John 1:4 (NIV) "In him was life, and that life was the light of men"

John 3:14-15 (NIV) "The Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life"

John 4:14 (NIV) "The water I give him will become in him [who drinks it] a spring of water welling up to eternal life"

- **Jesus is Eternal God in the flesh and eternal life is found in Him.**

Hebrews 1:1-4 (The Voice) Long ago, at different times and in various ways, God's voice came to our ancestors through the Hebrew prophets. ² But in these last days, it has come to us through His Son, the One who has been given dominion over all things and through whom all worlds were made.³ This is the One who—imprinted with God's image, shimmering with His glory—sustains all that exists through the power of His word. He was seated at the right hand of God once He Himself had made the offering that purified us from all our sins. ⁴ This Son of God is elevated as far above the heavenly messengers as His holy name is elevated above theirs.

"A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic — on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg — or else He would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronising nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."

C. S. Lewis - Mere Christianity

Big Idea: Pursue your relationship with Jesus Christ and experience eternal life.

The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's 10:10 service is from the New Living Translation (NLT), The New International Version (NIV), and The Voice Translation.



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