

THINK LIKE JESUS

What Do I Believe and Why Does It Matter?

LESSON 8 – WHAT IS ETERNITY GOING TO BE LIKE?

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?”

John 14:1-2 (NIV)

1. **Key Question:** What happens **NEXT**?

Throughout the ages, people have always had questions about eternity—whether God exists and what this means for their future after death. While non-Christians may struggle with these questions, believers in Christ Jesus see through this dilemma of the soul.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.” John 14:1-3 (NIV)

2. There is a heaven and a hell that Jesus will return to judge all people and to establish his **ETERNAL** kingdom.

“Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— ⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.” 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 (NIV)

Blaise Pascal was an inventor, mathematician, physicist, and theological writer who lived in the 1600s. At one point, as science and theology collided in his heart, he came to the conclusion that all of us must make a wager about what we believe. (God exists or there is No God)

3. When our body exhales its final breath, our spirit exits the body and goes to **HEAVEN** or **HELL**.

“According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.” 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18 (NIV)

- **If we truly believe that God has prepared an eternal home for us, a house with many rooms as Jesus says in John 14:2 “My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?, then we can and will:**

1. Live with **HOPE** every day, regardless of the circumstances around us.
2. Love people with freedom and boldness because our future is **SECURE** in him.
3. Lead more people into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ because we want to **SHARE** this great hope with others.