

We cannot gain and maintain an eternal perspective without believing that Jesus is who He said He was.

Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. Colossians 3:1–2

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. John 14:6

Jesus was able to clearly see things from an eternal perspective because His home was in heaven.

Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. John 14:1–2

If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. John 14:3

For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day. John 6:40

But just as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love Him." 1 Corinthians 2:9

An eternal perspective means understanding the will of the Father.

Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. Ephesians 1:4

In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. Ephesians 1:5-6

Redemption. Relationship. Responsibility.

All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. John 6:37

For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing but raise it up on the last day. John 6:38-39

An eternal perspective means beholding the Son and believing in Him

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What does it mean to behold the Son?

Theōréō to gaze or contemplate. To know something is real after analyzing it.

Jesus answered them and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. John 6:26

But I said to you that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe. John 6:35

Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal. John 6:27

Sphragízō to seal with a signet ring or instrument. A stamp that attests to ownership validating what is sealed.

What does it mean to believe in the Son of God?

Pisteúō a word derived from an action of being persuaded that leads to a confident belief.

Therefore they said to Him, “What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?” Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.” John 6:28-29

So they said to Him, “What then do You do for a sign, so that we may see, and believe You? What work do You perform?” John 6:30

Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, “He gave them bread out of heaven to eat.” John 6:31

Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven. John 6:32

For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven and gives life to the world. Then they said to Him, “Lord, always give us this bread.” John 6:33-34

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. John 6:36

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