

Stepping Into...

“The Certainty of Eternity”

God Wants our Certainty to Grow...

Luke 1:1-4 NLT

¹ Many people have set out to write accounts about the events that have been fulfilled among us. ² They used the eyewitness reports circulating among us from the early disciples. ³ Having carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I also have decided to write an accurate account for you, most honourable Theophilus, ⁴ **so you can be certain of the truth** of everything you were taught.

Why is Eternity in My Heart?

Ecc. 3:9-11 NLT

⁹ 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.

“...the present is the point at which time touches eternity.”

CS Lewis (*Screwtape Letters*)

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God's Plans are Everlasting

Psalms 145:13 NIV

¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and **your dominion endures through all generations**. The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.

Matt. 10:32-33 NIV

³² **“Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven.** ³³ But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

The Human Soul is Immortal

Isaiah 57:15 NLT

¹⁵ The high and lofty one **who lives in eternity**, the Holy One, says this: “I live in the high and holy place **with those whose spirits are contrite and humble**. I restore the crushed spirit of the humble and revive the courage of those with repentant hearts.

Matt. 25:46 NLT *“Final Judgement”*

⁴⁶ “And they will go away into **eternal punishment**, but the righteous will go into **eternal life**.”

Parable: Rich Man and Lazarus

Luke 16:22-24, 26 NLT

²² “Finally, the poor man died and was carried by the angels to sit beside Abraham at **the heavenly banquet**. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³ and he went to **the place of the dead**. There, in torment, he saw Abraham in the far distance with Lazarus at his side. ²⁴ “The rich man shouted, ‘Father Abraham, have some pity! Send Lazarus over here to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue. I am in anguish in these flames.’

²⁶ ...**there is a great chasm separating us**. No one can cross over to you from here, and no one can cross over to us from there.’



“Living in the light of
eternity changes your
priorities.”

Rick Warren

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What Priorities Change?

1. **My Faith:** Jn.17:3 NIV ³ ...this is **eternal life**: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.
2. **My Fire:** Rev. 12:11 NKJV ¹¹ And **they overcame** him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony...
3. **My Focus:** Heb.12:1-2 NIV ¹...run with **perseverance**... ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and **perfecter of faith**.
4. **My Fuel:** Jn 4:34 ESV ³⁴ “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and **to accomplish his work**...”

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