

SIX ETERNAL QUESTIONS {PART 2}

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We want to continue our discussion concerning "eternal questions" .

WHY ARE WE HERE? WHAT IS OUR DUTY? Why was man placed on earth? What is the purpose for his existence? God's word is quite clear on this subject.

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil. (Ecclesiastes 12: 13,14)

"He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, to love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8)

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven." (Matthew 7:21)

"And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, " (Hebrews 5:9)

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." (Matthew 6:33)

Simply put, He is to have first place in our lives. We are to believe what He says. Then we are to obey His will in our lives. Why? Because He has shown (and continues to show) His love for us.

"Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. ' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. " (Matthew 22:37-40)

WHERE ARE WE GOING? While we journey on this earth, where are we headed? The Bible leaves no mistake concerning the end of man's sojourning on earth. Different times, different circumstances, but nevertheless it ends at a given time. Listen carefully:

"In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return. "(Genesis 3: 19)

"Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, And the spirit will return to God who gave it. (Ecclesiastes 12: 7)

"And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, " (Hebrews 9:27)

If you care to read Genesis 5 and 11, genealogies of the Old Testament, there are three common words said about these people: "and they died". The grave is the destiny of all who live on the earth. Life in these mortal bodies will not last forever.

When will we die? Nobody knows when or under what circumstances, but die we will. What does this behoove us to accomplish while we live? To be prepared for that day when our physical life comes to an end. Life is the time to prepare for death.

How and when we die will not be the important factors at our death. Yet, the life we lived and the works we did--this will be of vital importance!

"So then each of us shall give account of himself to God." (Romans 14: 12) When should you begin to prepare? Will you be ready when your times comes? Why not start now to prepare for the Judgment Day! Each day of life is one day closer to eternity for all of us. ***