

ETERNAL THINGS

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Let us consider some of the things that are eternal.

Eternal Life "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." {Romans 6:23} God has promised a reward of eternal life for the faithful. We know God cannot lie, Hebrews 6:18; "In hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began." {Titus 1:2} Eternal Life: everlasting life around the throne of God with the Son and all the faithful, the Christian's reward from God.

Eternal Fire. "As Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire." (Jude 7) There are two sides to the judgment of God; punishment of the wicked and disobedient. Eternal fire that is not quenched, where man will experience the "second death" -eternally separated from God. Please read Matthew 25:41-46 "In flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power." {2 Thessalonians 1: 8,9}.

Eternal Glory. "But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. " {1 Peter 5:10} When our Lord left the earth to return to the Father He received some things. One of those things was the glory He left when He came to earth. Daniel 7:13,14; Philippians 2:6-8; John 17:1-8 God has promised the faithful Christian an "eternal glory" with Him in our glorified state following the resurrection in our new bodies - fitted for glory! "Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory." {2 Timothy 2:10}

Hopefully, we can all experience two of these things and miss the third! Yet, it all depends on the value one places on "**eternal things.**" Dear reader, where are your treasures laid up for – temporal things or the eternal things? ***