

## **A Further Glimpse of Eternity**

What does it mean to live with eternity etched into your soul? For the Christian, eternity is not a distant theological concept but a present reality, a lens through which we view every joy, sorrow, and passing moment. The Apostle Paul said, “We do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all” (2 Corinthians 4:16-17). This is the Christian’s paradox—pain mingled with hope, loss laced with promise, death swallowed by life.

To catch a glimpse of eternity is to see beyond the fog of now. It is to see through the dim mirror of time into the brilliance of God’s presence. It is to feel the weight of glory pressing in on the edges of your ordinary Tuesday. Eternity is not merely the promise of heaven; it is the presence of God breaking into our present lives, calling us to live not for ourselves, but for the One who holds our tomorrows.

So many live as if this world is all there is, gripping tightly to fleeting comforts, chasing success, and avoiding discomfort at all costs. But the Christian walks to a different rhythm. Eternity changes how we value time, how we endure trials, and how we invest our lives. When the heart is set on eternal things, we find ourselves freed from the tyranny of the urgent, able to say with Paul, “To live is Christ and to die is gain.”

This perspective doesn’t numb us to the realities of life; it sharpens them. We feel the sting of loss, the ache of brokenness, the struggle of unanswered prayers. But we do not grieve as those without hope. The promise of eternity allows us to sit in hospital rooms and still sing hymns. It enables us to stand beside graves and say, “O death, where is your sting?” It gives us courage to love sacrificially, to serve without applause, and to speak truth with boldness, knowing that our reward is not measured in likes or approval, but in the smile of our Saviour.

There is a weight to eternity that anchors us when the winds of culture shift. When the world exalts self-expression and mocks restraint, we look to a kingdom that is not of this world. When faithfulness seems costly, when obedience isolates, when the narrow road feels lonely, eternity whispers, “Well done, good and faithful servant.” And that whisper becomes thunder in the soul.

To live in the light of eternity is to see time not as a threat, but as a gift—a brief window in which we are called to reflect the glory of God to a dying world. It reshapes ambition. No longer are we driven by the hunger for a platform or the lust for recognition. Instead, we hunger for righteousness, for the name of Christ to be lifted high, for lives to be transformed by the gospel. We count our days not in achievements, but in faithfulness.

Eternity does not call us to retreat from the world, but to engage it with eyes fixed on the unseen. Our lives become signposts pointing beyond themselves. We raise children not just to be good citizens, but to be warriors for the kingdom. We work not just for profit, but as an act of worship. We give generously, forgive freely, and suffer patiently because we believe that this life is not the end of the story.

And oh, what a story it is. The Christian hope is not ethereal or vague; it is grounded in reality. It is resurrection. It is a new heaven and a new earth. It is bodies made new, creation restored, and God dwelling with man. It is the Lamb on the throne, wiping every tear, silencing every fear, and filling eternity with joy unspeakable.

So we press on, not as those grasping at shadows, but as those who have seen the light of the world. We endure hardship not with resignation, but with anticipation. We live not just for the weekend, but for the day when faith becomes sight and the glory of God fills all in all.

Eternity is not far. It is nearer than we think. Let us live as those who have glimpsed its splendour and long for the day when we see Him face to face. Let that vision stir our hearts, steady our steps, and shape every breath we take. For this light momentary affliction is indeed preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison.

### **Questions    Table Talk: A Glimpse of Eternity**

- 1. What in this life is of eternal value?**
- 2. How do you prioritise these in your life? Are there any changes that you need to make?**
- 3. What would it look like to be addicted to the Word of God?**
- 4. God never changes. Which aspects of His character do you know best?**
- 5. Heb 10:23 TPT So now we must cling tightly to the hope that lives within us, knowing that God always keeps His promises.**

**What promises are you holding on to right now?**