

The Eternity of God By Trey Sullins

What if you could live forever? Imagine seeing generations and the world changing for thousands of years. The idea of eternity is one that is very difficult for our minds to grasp. We only know an existence that is bound by time therefore we can't fully understand what endless life is like. However, one thing that we can clearly understand is that the Bible reveals that God is eternal. Deuteronomy 33:27 says, "The eternal God is your refuge, And underneath are the everlasting arms; He will thrust out the enemy from before you, And will say, 'Destroy!'" Let's look into God's word and see what we can learn about His eternal nature.

God has no beginning and no end. Genesis 1:1 shows us that God created the heavens and the earth but makes no reference to God being created or coming into existence. This is because He was already there and existing! Psalm 90:2 says, "Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God." God was in existence from everlasting to everlasting meaning in both directions, past and future, there is no time when He did not exist. In mathematics there are many terms to describe different things. The term "line" is one that best describes God's eternal nature. A line is something that extends in opposite directions endlessly. This knowledge about God should help us to understand that when He makes promises, we know He will keep them. God has told us that we can receive eternal life too (John 3:15-16); Therefore, we never have to worry about the fact that this will happen as long as we are obedient to Him.

God is timeless. Timelessness means that God is not bound by time like we are. Every day we only exist in the one moment that we call the present. We cannot see the future and we cannot see the past. However, with God He does not only exist in one moment as we do but He can see all of time. The Bible in 2 Peter 3 is dealing with the ignorance of some of the world. Some claim that so much time has passed that God's promises will never come true. However, in reality God's promises are just as true on the day that the promise was made as they are on the day when the promise was fulfilled. Consider even some of the writing of the Old Testament prophecies. Even when referencing future things many of them are written in past tense as if the things had already happened. In reference to Cyrus, king of Persia, God says in Isaiah 45:14 "I have raised him up in righteousness." Even though at the time of the prophecy Cyrus wasn't even born yet! How could He know such a thing? Because He is timeless. This point offers us great encouragement because His timelessness means that no matter how much time passes for us; He will not forget us or our works (Hebrews 6:10).

God is the cause of time. God is the very reason why time exists in our lives. Genesis 1:1 says "In the beginning God created". Before the beginning there was nothing; Therefore, when God started creating, He started the clock, so to speak. Time would not need to exist if there was nothing for it to measure or regulate. But God created us and bound us by time that we might live on this earth for a set time and be forced to make a choice about whether we would serve God or serve ourselves. This creative power once again proves to us the love of God in our lives. God set us up with a set amount of time on this earth but promised to us that we will have an eternity. If we choose to live for Him with our time, then that eternity will be in heaven. If we choose to live against Him, then that eternity will be in punishments and torment.

In reality we will live forever, just not on this earth; But it is our responsibility to decide where we will spend that eternity! We make this choice every day when we choose to live righteously or not. Because time is something so precious and invaluable to us, let us always choose to use it appropriately and for our God. “See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil” (Ephesians 5:16).