

Jesus in His famous declaration of John 3:6
said:

**“For God so loved the world that He gave
His only begotten Son, that whoever
believes in Him should not perish but have
everlasting life” (NKJV)**

Today, we will talk about

**“The Purpose Of
An Everlasting Life.”**

There are a lot of questions about
the eternal state.

**What it is like and
what will the saints do?**

To many it may seem that the Holy Bible ends with Revelation 22 wherein it says nothing about the eternal future.

Therefore, speculations about the eternal state abound and most, if not all, of the speculations are non-biblical.

There is only one source of revelation
about the eternal state
and that source is the Eternal God.

The scripture says in Psalm 93:1-2

“The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed in majesty and armed
with strength; indeed, the world is
established, firm and secure. Your throne
was established long ago; you are from all
eternity.”

Therefore, only God can make known
what eternity is all about.

What Is Eternity?

As mortals, we live in a dimension bound
by space and time.

Eternity, which is synonymous to infinity,
is a concept that is too complex for
humanity to grasp
and appreciate.

We know that God is eternal.
Eternal simply means indeterminable by
time. That is what the scripture says in 2
Peter 3:10;

**“for God a thousand years
is just like a day.”**

In science, time is reckoned by changes in motion and event. A day is 24 hours and 365 days is a year. We reckon earthly time by the rotation of the earth on its axis and around the sun. If the universe stood still, time would cease.

To conceive how time relates to eternity
maybe beyond the scope of science and
human imagination and understanding.

It is extremely difficult for us to comprehend big numbers more so infinity.

Take a moment to consider these numbers and how it baffles the human mind. Try to grasp the scope of these numbers if you can.

The known universe
is 15 billion years old.

That is 15,000,000,000 years
compared to the human 80 years lifespan .

How about the 300 sextillions stars in the universe?

300,000,000,000,000,000,000,000

How far are we to the closest star
Alpha Centauri?

The distance of Alpha Centauri from Earth is about 4.3 light-years equals to 25.6 trillion miles away or 25,600,000,000,000.

These numbers are mind-boggling vast but
they are still finite.

Eternity is infinity and no way can we
comprehend that.

The words eternal and everlasting are used interchangeably.

Both can come from the same Greek work “*aion*” translated from the Hebrew word “*olam*.” Thus, it is important to consider the context in which they were used and translated.

There is a distinction worth noting
between the words eternal and
everlasting.

Everlasting is not synonymous to eternal.

Everlasting suggests a duration that last forever. This period covers a beginning in time but without ending.

On the other hand, eternal connotes duration without beginning and without ending.

Therefore, God alone is eternal.
This is why He is called Eternal God.
Genesis 21:33.

The bible describes God as from everlasting
to everlasting (Psalm 90:2) and without
beginning of days
nor end of life.

All other created beings are more properly described as everlasting – signifying that the entity has a beginning, but has no ending.

What is everlasting life like?

Everlasting life connotes a life that does not cease; that is, to live henceforth and forever.

What is everlasting life like?

In the case of Christians, it is clearly stated that a Christian by faith can attain everlasting life – having a beginning but without ending.

How can mere mortal beings subject to wear and decay attain everlasting life?

Mankind can hardly live to 100 years old even with advancement in science and medicine. Even at the best of conditions mankind cannot pass the thousand-year mark. This physical body is not designed to dwell in eternity.

Jesus said in John 5:24-29 that everlasting life is the reward of the righteous and this life will be given at the time of resurrection.

But for us to dwell in eternity the composition has to change and this change happens at the moment of the resurrection.

Paul eloquently declared this in
1 Corinthians 15:35-58.

Spiritual Realm

Paul aptly wrote in
1 Corinthians 15:50 that

**“flesh and blood cannot inherit the
Kingdom of God.”**

And, we may add “the universe.”

Mankind must first inherit eternal life
before we can inherit the universe and the
Kingdom of God.

To inherit and inhabit eternity our composition has to change; i.e., from perishable to imperishable, from mortal to immortality and from physical to spiritual.

Yes, a spiritual body awaits the faithful – a spiritual body capable of inhabiting eternity. 1 Corinthians 15:51-54.

**How does this spiritual body look like
one may ask?**

Daniel knew the answer and this was what
he wrote in Daniel 12:3.

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Jesus affirmed it in Matthew 13:43.

How does this spiritual body look like one may ask?

Jesus further explained it in John 3:5-8 saying that the saints born of the spirit is not part of the physical dimension that we know.

We live in a physical world bound by time and space. It is almost impossible for us to grasp concepts of eternity and the spirit world.

If we are going to become glorified spirit beings, at least we must know a little about what the spirit world is about.

The spirit world is a world that most people know very little about.

We have heard ministers preached about it, argue about it and talk about it as if they know it all. They quarrel whether if the spirit has a form, if it has a body, a face, a torso and the like.

These talks and argumentations is an
apparent display of scriptural ignorance.

Let us consider a few verses in the Bible that talks about the spirit world:

- 1. Exodus 33:18-23. Moses saw the form of God.**
- 2. Matthew 18:10. Angels see the face of God the Father in heaven.**
- 3. Revelation 4. Even the angels have their form and appearance.**

The angels are powerful spirit beings. Although, angels are created beings and they are created with a spiritual body that is everlasting. They also possess powers and capabilities beyond the physical world.

Ezekiel 1:4-21. Daniel 10:1-9.

Can a spirit sit, can it walk, is it time bound and space bound?

If the spirit is beyond the physical realm, then it is not subject to the physical limitations.

So, what is the spiritual world like?

We have always thought that spirit world is timeless, boundless and formless.

The truth is the **spiritual world** is in many respects and aspects similar to the physical world.

The physical world is a replica of the
spiritual world.

The dimension maybe different, one physical and the other spiritual, but the realities and the limitations are the same.

The spirit world has its own dimension that is parallel to the physical realm.
Consider the following constraints in the spiritual world.

#1

Angels travel

To travel means they are subject to time, motion and space. They too can be blocked and/or restrained movement.

Daniel 10

#2

2 Peter 2:4-5.

Angels can be put in prison. Therefore, they are subject to some kind of restrain and detention and confinement.

#3

Jude 5-10

Angels can be chained.

#4

Wage warfare

Revelation 12:7-10.

The spirit world can engage in warfare.

What kind of a war is a spiritual war? Would spirit being get hurt, get injured, get wounded?

What would determine a winner or loser?

#5

Matthew 8:29

Angels can be tormented.

**Does it sound and feel similar to our
physical world?**

In fact, it does. The only difference is that
it is in a different dimension –
a spirit dimension.

Purpose Of Everlasting Life

What is it to live forever?

WHAT IS THE BIG IDEA OF
ENDLESS TIME?

What is the purpose of
eternity?

*Is there meaning to an
everlasting life?*

What goal would there possibly be?

*If there is no goal, what sense would there
be to an everlasting life?*

We *seek* eternity because God has put this
hope in our hearts.

It is God's desire that we do and He wants
us to be aware of it.

Ecclesiastes 3:11.

Eternity is not a figment of human
imagination.

Eternity is a reality that we must consider.

Finite life is meaningless as
King Solomon declared.

The only thing that ever matters
is life everlasting.

People associate eternity with idyllic bliss in idleness – as in enjoying a grand retirement for the rest of eternity.

**Would you like to be in a state of eternal idleness without meaning and purpose?
Probably you won't.**

People of substance do not go into retirement. Even when people retire, they keep themselves busy in means outside of business.

Boredom and dullness can be worse than
death.

Living a trillion years in complete idleness
and boredom is not appealing.

The Bible talks about eternity with excitement and anticipation. Rest assured everlasting life will be filled with meaning, purpose and glory.

What eternity holds for us
is something beyond human expectation.

Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 2:6-16;

**“that no man has yet comprehended what
God has prepared for those who love
Him.”**

But, now it has been revealed
to the church.

**Are you ready to see and hear the
wonderful truth on the purpose of the
creation and of the promise
of everlasting life?**

It has always been God's plan and wish
to give you eternal life.

Purpose of everlasting life

What will be our stature in eternity?

Most Christians believe that to become spirit being is to become like angels.

What will be our stature in eternity?

Although, angels are spirit beings they are created for a specific purpose. They are created as ministering spirits.

The word **angel** means messenger and that is what they are and what they were created to be.

The Bible clearly says that the saints will not become angels in heaven. God has prepared something better for us.

Paul in the **Book to the Hebrews** wrote that the world to come, referring to the future, will not be subjected to the angels but to the saints who are to become sons and children of God. Hebrews 2:5-17.

You read it right!

We will become a member of the divine family with Jesus Christ as our elder brother. Paul made it even clearer in Romans 8:14-17.

We will be sons of God, heirs and co-heirs of Christ.

**For this reason, we call God –
Our Father!**

Again Paul said in Galatians 4:1-7 that we are indeed sons and heirs of God. Heirs of God mean inheritors of God's estate. Co-heirs with Christ mean we own what Christ owns.

Can you understand what this means?

Apostle John in **1 John 3:1-3** made it crystal clear, without any doubt, that we are indeed literal sons of God with Jesus Christ as our elder brother.

Will we be like angels?

Of course not! We are the Sons of God!

Yes, you were created for this very purpose to become a son and a daughter of God.

Now, consider what Paul wrote in
Ephesians 1:3-6.

Make no mistake, the abundant scriptures
revealed the truth that
we are the Sons and Children of God and
co-heirs of Christ. For this very purpose
we (you) were created.

A Glorious Future

Paul said that our lowly bodies must be transformed into glorious bodies like that of Christ. Notice carefully **Philippians 3:21**.

The Apostle categorically states that the glorified body is a participation in the divine nature. **2 Peter 1:4**

Are we starting to comprehend the enormity of the declaration?

We are to participate in the divine nature with glorified body similar to that of Christ.

This glorified spiritual body
will dwell in eternity.

Wow, what a promise! Do you grasp this?

Now, we know the spirit world a bit better.
The spirit world is much similar to the
physical world only it is of the spirit
dimension.

This dimension has its own rules and workings and limitations. The spirit dimension is a powerful and glorious dimension.

This dimension is inhabited by powerful spirit beings capable of great abilities and existence.

Then, there is this verse that should strike every bible learner in his wits. **Romans**

8:18:

“I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.”

Do you ever wonder
what this glory is like?

What kind of glory is Jesus
talking about?

How can we comprehend it?

At present, the angels seem like great powerful beings than humans, but when the time comes we will judge them.

1 Corinthians 6:3.

What does it mean to judge the angels?

Today, the angels are far more powerful than human beings. Paul said we struggle against great powers and authorities.

Ephesians 6:12.

What does it mean to judge the angels?

Can you imagine that one day in the future
you will have the power and the authority
to judge the angels?

What kind of power and authority will we possess in order to judge angels?

That power and authority would have been much greater than the angels, right?

What kind of power and authority will we possess in order to judge angels?

Only the greater can judge the lesser. The angels will be brought before you and you will judge them.

What kind of power and authority will we possess in order to judge angels?

Can you imagine the kind of power and authority that God will bestow upon you at that day? You will be more powerful than the angels.

I hope now you can imagine
the kind of glory that will be revealed
to the children of God.

Can you imagine that?

Everything will be subject to us –
everything including the angelic realm.

Hebrews 2:6-11.

You have not seen anything yet,
but we see Jesus,
now crowned with honor and glory!

Summation

What does eternity hold for the sons of God?

After we have become spirit beings, become members of the divine family and dwelling forever in eternity, **what are we supposed to do there?**

Paul provided a hint of what the children of God will do in eternity. He wrote in Romans 8:18-23 declaring the creation is in a frustrated state – meaning it is void, empty and lifeless.

The universe is in a frustrated state because God who created it made it so.

The whole creation now waits for the revealing of the sons of God. They are the ones whom God will use to beautify, glorify and bring life to the vast creation.

No dull moment my friends in eternity.

The days will be filled with meaning
and purpose.

You will have powers and responsibilities
beyond your imagination.

As sons of God you will continually do
the will of the Father.

**What a glorious time – everlasting age -
that would be.**