

#GetOverYourSelfie

Eternal over Temporary

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HOW CAN ETERNITY HELP US TAKE HOLD OF THE LIFE THAT IS TRULY LIFE TODAY?

1. IT CHALLENGES OUR TEMPORARY VALUES

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2. IT STRENGTHENS US WHEN EXPERIENCING LIFE'S DIFFICULTIES

Therefore, 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

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

Romans 8:18

We cannot compare it's Intensity. We struggle now. We suffer now. But the intensity of the glory will be so great that there is no comparison with the intensity of the suffering. They don't come close.

We cannot compare it's Duration. Paul reminds us that we are experiencing "present" sufferings. They are temporary. They are tough but they will not last. But the glory is forever and ever and ever.

3. IT OFFERS US ETERNITY'S EXPERIENCE NOW

"This is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent."

John 17:3 NRSV

Eternal life = Knowing God

Eternal life in the individual does not begin after death, but at the point where God touches the individual with redeeming grace and draws them into a life interactive with himself and his kingdom."

John Ortberg

God exists in eternity. When you are in relationship with God you are in relationship with a being who is eternal. Eternity exists right now. God is in it. God knows it. It is who God is. And when you are in relationship with God you are in relationship with one who is eternal. The beauty of eternity, the power of eternity, the wonder of eternity, the pleasure of eternity, the joy of eternity is yours to experience in part this side of the fulness of eternity.

4. IT CALLS OUT TO US TO WAIT EAGERLY FOR IT.

The creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

Romans 8:19

Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

Romans 8:23

Creation waits eagerly.

Christians wait eagerly.

God waits eagerly.