

What A Wonder Full World

I Wonder...What Does the Future Hold?

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Do you ever wonder about the future? What happens when we die? Is there an afterlife? And if so, what's it like? Thinking about eternity can be overwhelming, but one thing's still true—how we live now matters later.

MESSAGE NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- How you live now matters later.
- For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. | Matthew 7:13-14
- He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end. | Ecclesiastes 3:11
- Extra video: "What Jesus Meant by Eternal Life" by BibleProject on YouTube.
- Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. | 1 Corinthians 13:12
- The chapters of the story of scripture go a little like this: God created. Sin spoiled. Man toiled. Jesus redeems. Holy Spirit empowers. Jesus returns. God wins.
- ...we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior. | Philippians 3:20
- With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. | 2 Peter 3:8-9
- The heart of our heavenly father is that every person would have the opportunity to turn to him.
- For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. | 2 Corinthians 5:10
- No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him. | 1 Corinthians 2:9

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The writer of Ecclesiastes says that God has "planted eternity in the human heart..." (Ecclesiastes 3:11). How does that longing for eternity reveal itself in us?
2. "How you live now matters later." With the perspective that we're made for eternity, what things are most important for us to do and think about in our lives now?
3. What gives you hope and encouragement about the future, and even the end of life here, even in the face of our natural fear and sadness?