

Understanding eternity

As a believer, living your life on Earth with an eye on eternity is not a means of escaping reality. Instead, *it is living with your eyes wide open and your mind fully engaged on what is truly real and eternal.* We were “created in the image of God” (Genesis 1:27), and since our Creator is eternal, He created Adam and Eve as eternal beings. When they sinned in the Garden of Eden, shame and fear entered their their minds, which then became clouded by sin. (Genesis 3:6-10)

Natural man is fully capable of understanding science and mathematics, but he is incapable of grasping the deeper matters that pertain to our soul and spirit, and to God's plan of salvation through faith in Christ. (John 3:16) Jesus said, “The Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things.” (John 14:26) *The key to unlocking and understanding spiritual matters is to have the Holy Spirit teach us the truth about God, faith, and eternity.* The apostle Paul was given much insight into this fact. Paul wrote, “We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.” (1 Corinthians 2:12,13)

Spiritual truth can only be taught to us by the Holy Spirit working in our souls (a person’s soul being comprised of his / her mind, emotions and free will) and spirits through the Word of God. “The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.” (1 Corinthians 2:14) Natural instincts are one thing, but *spiritual discernment is on a much higher level.* Sin brought man's understanding down to a level where man lost sight of his Creator, and he lost sight of what is right and wrong. Without the Holy Spirit guiding us and teaching us, we simply don't understand or believe spiritual truth.

Just remember that you have already entered eternity. You actually entered eternity when God created you in your mother's womb. No wonder it seems so awkward when part of you (your body) is ageing, but the real you feels as young as you did decades ago. *It is because your soul and spirit don't age.* Currently we generate memories (which are based on our total life experiences) because we are subject to the man-made construct of time, but after the Rapture (or the moment a believer passes on if that occurs before then), memories will no longer be applicable as there will be no past or future, only *now*. The saying “living in the moment” will never be more true. Eternity exists outside of time, just as God exists outside of time - there is just *now*. *When a believer receives his / her glorified (eternal) body at the Rapture, his / her soul and spirit will be given a completely clean slate, just as after the re-Creation the new Earth will be given a completely clean slate. Every believer's mind will be totally renewed,* and he / she will no longer have any memory of his / her past experiences (both good and bad) on the old Earth. God's very best is yet to come! Satan has only delayed God's Divine Plan, not changed it. Hallelujah!
