
ETERNAL QUESTIONS

"Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun" (Ecclesiastes 2:11 KJV)

Every individual on earth asks the question: "Who am I?", "What am I here for?" and "When it is all over - what then?" These three questions have led mankind, from the dawn of history, into all sorts of cults, religions and downright demonic activities, as they open themselves up to the words of man's greatest enemy - satan.

The answers to these questions are the same for every human being, whether they believe in God or not. Just because you don't believe in God does not mean He does not exist! Just because you do not see God with your physical eyes does not mean He does not exist. If you stop breathing for a while, you will find out the truth! Anyway, that is not the subject of this message. The object is to give you a starting point to discovering who you are, what you are here for and after it is all over where you will be.

If you have not accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior here in a nutshell are the answers to those questions:

- 1) You are a child of the devil.
- 2) You have no purpose and all you are living for is futile.
- 3) When it is all over, you do not go and have a great eternal party in hell with all your friends and you do not dissolve into nothingness and you do not come back as someone else or in another form. You go to hell to live with your father, the devil, in torment forever.

All these things may sound harsh, but they are all true nonetheless, and as a believer in the Truth, We will examine them in greater detail, but here are the alternatives:

If you have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior here are your answers:

- 1) You are a child of God
- 2) You have a purpose and that purpose will bring you great reward.
- 3) When it is all over, you go to heaven until it is time for the saints of God to rule and reign with Jesus for eternity. You will also be united with all your family and friends who have accepted Jesus in this life (there is no possibility of accepting Jesus in the after- life)

Now we will start on a journey that will answer all your questions.

Who am I?

Genesis 1:26-27 *“And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.”*

Man is a spirit being - each individual is first of all an eternal spirit. He is made in the likeness of God. Jesus said that God is Spirit:

God is a Spirit (a spiritual Being) and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth (reality). John 4:24AMP.

So man must be a spirit because the only way one being can communicate with another being is if they are on the same level. 1 Thess. 5:23 helps us to understand that man is a spirit, he has a soul, and he lives in a body

“Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

When the physical body of man dies and goes to the grave, the spirit lives on in eternity and it will live on somewhere - either with God or with the devil. Some people say “Well, I just do not believe that a loving God would let someone endure torment in hell forever!” - God does not do it - the individual does. God created man a free moral agent with the ability to choose, and He also provided a way to avoid hell. The choice is totally up to the individual. Again, whether or not you believe in Heaven or Hell is also your choice but your opinion will never change the truth! Jesus said in John 2:

17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

You see that a person's eternity in hell is his/her own choosing. Jesus's mission on earth was not a simple mission to show us the way to live right on earth. It was a mission to kill corruption and death, so that we would not live eternally in hell. That is why Adam, when he fell, had to leave the garden. He could not stay in paradise whilst his spirit belonged to satan. Love and evil cannot coexist. Much the same way, they cannot exist in God's eternal presence, but this same Love gives us a choice to choose the gift of eternity with Him. Some may say, “Well since Jesus did it, we are all automatic beneficiaries.” That is folly as well. If you are given a gift and you choose not to receive and use it, the gift is of no use to you. That does not take away the fact that the giver gave you the gift. It is the same way with eternal life through Jesus. That is why He said it in John 2 (above).

Now back to our purpose. Paul says in Philippians 1:23-24 (AMP)

“But I am hard pressed between the two. My yearning desire is to depart (to be free of this world, to set forth) and be with Christ, for that is far, far better; But to remain in my body is more needful and essential for your sake.”

We have an inward man that is imperishable, and an outward man that everyone can see that deteriorates. That outward man is the body and the inward man is the spirit. When the outward man or body dies, it perishes in the grave while the inward man, or the spirit goes on to live in eternity. Jesus said to Nicodemus,

“...except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God” John 3:3-4 “... How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother’s womb, and be born? Jesus was not talking about a physical birth. He said, “That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.” He was talking of a spiritual birth.

Man's spirit receives a new eternal life --the life of God, the nature of God. It is man's spirit that is made a new creature in Christ. That creature that once was a child of the devil is now a child of God.

Next time we will see how we all became children of the devil! Until then - think on these things.

