

The Doctrine of Eternity

(Our Response to the Gospel & Our Eternal Destiny)

1. Do You Believe the Gospel?

(the Gospel calls for a response: Rev 21:6-8)

- **the Gospel is God's Royal Proclamation: Jesus Christ is Lord!**
(Rev 1:5; 22:20; Ac 2:36)

- **the Gospel is God's Invitation: if you are thirsty, come to Jesus**
(Rev 21:6; Jn 7:38)

- **the Gospel is God's Command: repent & believe in Christ**
(Ac 17:30; 20:21; Rev 21:8; 9:20f; Jn 1:12; 3:16)

- **the Gospel is God's Warning: Christ will return in judgment & sentence unbelievers to eternal torment in hell** (Rev 22:7; 20:11ff)
 - Hell is hell because it is separation from God: Rev 20:14; Ge 3:23
 - God did not create hell for people: Mt 25:34,41
 - God is righteous/loving in judging sinners: Ro 1; Rev 18:20; 22:25
 - Hell is an eternal-torment: Rev 20:10; 14:11; 22:14f

- **the Gospel is God's Promise: Rev 21:1ff; 2:7,11**
Christ will return for salvation & grant eternal life to believers

2. What will Eternal Life be Like?

- **God will dwell with His People: vs1-3**
in the New Heaven & Earth that He will make

- **We'll experience eternal-blessed joy: v4** (Re 19:7; 1Pe 4:13)
sin, suffering, & death will be no more

- **God & the Lamb will reign in eternal glory: vs22-27**
& we will worship Him forever. Amen!

3. A Summary Statement (EFCA Statement of Faith #10): **The Doctrine of Response & Eternal Destiny**

We believe that God commands everyone everywhere to believe the gospel by turning to Him in repentance and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that God will raise the dead bodily and judge the world, assigning the unbeliever to condemnation and eternal conscious punishment and the believer to eternal blessedness and joy with the Lord in the new heaven and the new earth, to the praise of His glorious grace. Amen.