

The Last Stop!



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On the journey of life, we are all heading for *The Last Stop!* To the young it is far into the future, and to the eldest it is just up ahead. Eternity is something we should think about—often. Ecclesiastes 3:11 “*God has made everything beautiful for its own time. 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.*”

We cannot fully comprehend the love, mercy, and power of God, to Whom we owe our very lives and our fortunes—including everything. God is Isaiah 57:15 “*The high and lofty one who inhabits eternity, the Holy One, says this: ‘I live in that high and holy place with those whose spirits are contrite and humble. I refresh the humble and give new courage to those with repentant hearts.’*” The emphasis is on the holiness of God and the humility of repentant hearts.

Jesus told the Jews to John 5:39 “*Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.*” To think about eternity is to think about what Jesus did for sinners on the Cross so that Heaven would be their last stop!

Jesus prayed John 17:2 “*As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. 3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only*

true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.” To know God is to love God; to trust Him and place total faith in Him regarding every facet of life.

Eternity is promised to those who do not fall away from faith in Christ; to everyone who is willing to maintain a position of trust on the Blood of Christ. The apostles kept proclaiming the Gospel message after Jesus ascended to Heaven. Romans 2:7 “*To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life.*”

On the other hand, if we allow ourselves to become weary in well-doing, and we do not continue to trust God in faith, and we allow Satan to discourage us, our eternity is put in jeopardy. Romans 2:8 “*But unto them that are contentious [combative; quarrelsome; antagonistic; touchy], and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath.*”

To think about eternity all the time, is to live God’s Truth all the time—there should never be a time when we do not think about eternity—and to consider the promise God has given to all who are willing to believe and actively trust Him. The promise is Titus 1:2 “*In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began.*” That promise is freely received by faith alone.

The apostle Paul shared the gospel of Christ with anyone who would listen. Acts 17:1 “*When they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. 2 As his custom was, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, 3 explaining and proving that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead.*” It was his custom and habit to do that every week.

It was his central point to talk about eternity—and emphasizing that Heaven is always

through a believing faith in the resurrection power of Jesus. Jesus was the *Messiah* who came to deliver, heal, and save all who truly believe that, and who trust in His atoning sacrifice.

The apostle reasoned with his listeners how necessary it is to believe that *Jesus* is the *Christ*—the only One who can save—it was a *major* point. Isaiah 1:18 “*Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.*”

Everyone has sinned so everyone needs forgiveness if The Last Stop is to be Heaven! The apostle reasoned from Scripture that no matter how many or how serious their sins were—even red as scarlet; they would be forgiven and accepted by God if they would believe and trust Him in faith. Isaiah 1:19 “*If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: 20 But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.*” That is not an opinion, but a direct Word from God Himself.

The only way sins can be forgiven is if Jesus would willingly be crucified—that is why the apostle emphasized the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ; and that is why he mentioned it when reasoning from the Scriptures. 1 Corinthians 1:23 “*We preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling-block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; 24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.*”

The last stop is far too important to just guess—we must know we are heading in the right direction. The power by which we can receive eternal life is the resurrection power of Jesus; and the wisdom by which we can know that the way to Heaven is from God—1 Timothy 2:4 “*Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.*”

The question Jesus asked the disciples is the question we can ask ourselves. Jesus asked them who they thought He was—Matthew 16:14, “*Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.*”¹⁵ He said to them, “*But who do you say that I am?*” We must know that faith in Jesus is the only way to Heaven.

We ask God for wisdom and enlightenment from the Scriptures every day concerning everything, before meditating on the verses. We must know who Jesus is and what He came to do for the world. The apostle preached the Truth and never stopped proclaiming that Jesus was the Messiah. Some that he spoke to “*Were more noble*” than others, Acts 17:11 and “*They received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.*”

The lie of evolution has permeated the public school system today, so the majority of people in the world are persuaded that it is true—that life evolved from the *simplest* form to *complex* forms of human life today.

We, however, certainly agree with Psalm 139:14 “*I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well*”—the world has accepted the lie that the marvelous work of the human body evolved from the simplest form of a living cell.

God said one thing; the serpent said another—Genesis 1:1 “*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*” Genesis 3:1 “*Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said*”—putting a seed of doubt in her mind. To this day, Satan continues to plant seeds of doubt in the minds of people.

Evolution is really about questioning if the Word of God is true. It is not possible to fit macro evolution—the changing of one species into another—into the Bible. The world *tries* to do

it, but it cannot be done with what is written in Scripture.

Every living creature produced “*After their kind*” Genesis 1:21 “*God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.*”

Our galaxy is estimated to be 200 billion stars—if humans cannot make a single star—and if hydrogen gas cannot form a single star—then it would not be able to form the billions of stars in our galaxy alone. Genesis 1:1 “*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*”

It is estimated that there are 8 million species of living creatures on earth. That means more than eight million times, a male of a species had to evolve at the *exact same time* and in the *exact same place* as the female of that species. The probability of *that* happening for even *one* species is all but impossible—how much more impossible for 8 million!

Those who believe in evolution should ask: How can *life* come from *non-life*; How can *order* come from *disorder*; and If there was a big bang, where did the *material* come from that formed all that is in the world! Those questions cannot be answered properly, but the answer is simply the story of Creation John 1:3 “*All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.*”

To think about *eternity* is to think about Jesus—who has the *answer* to our questions; who has *forgiveness* for every soul; and who will give *eternal life* to anyone who acknowledges their sin; who confesses their sins; and who walks in the light of His Truth—John 1:4 “*In Him was Life, and that Life was the Light of men. 5 The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overpowered it.*”

The Bible teaches us and warns us that anything we *have*, or *keep*, or are *involved* with—that is not for our best spiritual and eternal interests—should be eliminated from our life. To think about *eternal life* is to think about the *will of God*—and whether we are *inside* or *outside* His will.

The will of God is always *first*, if we want eternity next. Jesus put the will of God first, and it must be first with us as well. Philippians 2:5 “*Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus*”—that means to give up *anything* that would not be in the mind of our Savior.

If we are *not* willing to eliminate unscriptural things; interests; activities; worldly entertainment; or any close fellowship that would *not* have God’s approval, then we cannot be a follower of Jesus. We would be a follower of the world at that point.

Nothing can be placed ahead of the will of God. Jesus said Luke 14:27 “*And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.*” We have to think about God’s will, if we think about *eternity*, because only by following Jesus in faithful obedience will we enter the kingdom.

To *think* about eternity and *The Last Stop*—keeps us on the narrow path of faith every hour. The apostle told us to 1 Thessalonians 5:21 “*Prove [test] all things; hold fast that which is good. 22 Abstain from all appearance of evil. 23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*”

It will be worth it all when we get off at *The Last Stop!*



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