

Journey to Eternity!

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Luke 13:24 *Strive to enter in at the strait gate*
John 11:25 *I am the Resurrection and the Life*
Matt. 12:20 *A bruised reed shall he not break*
1 Corinthians 9:24 *Run in such a way as to get*

1 Our life from the beginning is a journey of many and various experiences. All things encountered along the way can be learning sessions that keep us going in the right direction to the right place.

2 An eternal environment of unimaginable beauty is awaiting every believer in Christ—and we qualify to enter by an active faith on the atoning sacrifice Jesus made *for us* on the Cross.

3 AV Matthew 7:24 “*Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock.*”

4 Every soul has a *beginning* but no *ending*! Two eternal environments are awaiting every person on earth—which place is entered is chosen by the individual.

5 One location is entered by *trusting God* and the other location by *rejecting Christ*!

6 Most people on earth and all through millennia reject the Truth God has written in the Bible and instead accept the lies Satan has put in their mind.

7 We must AV Luke 13:24 “*Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.*”

8 Each of the two environments never change and never end after entering.

9 Jesus told Martha at the passing of her brother WEY John 11:25-26 “*I am the Resurrection and the Life; he who believes in me, even if he has died, he shall live;*

10 *...and every one who is living and is a believer in me shall never, never die.*”

11 By accepting the Gift of the Holy Spirit, we can be inspired to put our trust on God and our faith in Jesus.

12 Our spiritual vision is then able to see the *principle of trust* involved. If we choose to *listen—we learn.*

13 AV John 10:16 “*Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.*”

14 Eternity is the state into which our soul passes when we leave this life—and going to either the blessings of *Heaven* or the tortures of *Hell*.

15 One is by *believing Jesus and trusting God*, while the other is by *rejecting Jesus* and believing the world has it right.

16 From the time of our birth, our soul is going toward *Hell*—Someone or something *has* to intervene.

17 NKJV Hebrews 7:25 “*Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him.*”

18 From the beginning we value *things* on earth far more than we value *faith* in God.

19 Having enough money to sustain a person in retirement and beyond is a major concern for the world—along with having weapons for protection and seeking medical treatments for relief.

20 NKJV 1 Corinthians 2:14 “*The natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*”

21 From our youth, we do not want to trust God for anything. We need the Holy Spirit to enlighten us.

22 Pilate asked the people if they wanted him to release the *Savior*, but they wanted a *criminal* instead John 18:40.

23 Later they were told AV Acts 3:14 “*Ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you.*”

24 Saul of Tarsus *persecuted* and *prosecuted* those who believed in Jesus, but after being converted he said AV Philippians 3:8 “*I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord.*”

25 He now knew that living forever with Jesus in *Heaven* meant far *more* to him than any brief pleasure on *earth*.

26 He gave up worldly friends, laid-up treasure, wrong attitudes, resentment, and anything else that would *not be following* his Master.

27 He just wanted to *know* what actually being in *Christ* really meant and how it responds to everything.

28 *Outward* religion on the surface with no *inward* conversion of the heart is worthless—he now knew.

29 It had to be NKJV Philippians 3:9 “*That which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith.*”

30 If we are willing to *believe* and *trust* God in faith, we become His child.

31 He wants everyone to be saved—that is why AV Matthew 12:20 “*A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench.*”

32 If we are willing to trust and obey the Lord's instructions—forgiving others; trusting Him for protection; faith in Him for healing; and trusting

in faith for each day's needs, we *glorify* God by those decisions. AV John 15:8 "*Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit.*"

33 The Christian life is a serious *battle* with a wicked *enemy*—and it is a *race* to an eternal goal—so...

34 1 Corinthians 9:24 NIV "*Run in such a way as to get the prize.*" It takes "*strict training,*" but "*we do it to get a crown that will last forever.*"

35 Every day we Philippians 3:14 NIV "*Press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*"

36 It takes *purpose* and *focus*—but WEY Philippians 3:16 "*Whatever be the point that we have already reached, let us persevere in the same course.*"

37 This *journey to forever* begins with the life God has given us. There are things to *do* and a faith to *keep* while we journey on each day.

38 Our travels will take us through many *areas* and encountering various *attitudes*, but God will guide us each step of the way.

39 If our attitude *stays* right toward God AV Luke 8:15 we will have an "*honest and good heart;*" we will read His Word "*keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.*"

40 Jesus says John 15:16 that we should "*go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain.*"

41 We will have many decisions to make on our *journey*, but with *repentance*, *commitment*, and *trust* on God, we will continue toward the goal of His kingdom. God will help us "*bear fruit*" John 15:2, and He will remove wrong attitudes so we "*bring forth more fruit.*"

42 Our *soul* is eternal, and the *flames* are never quenched! Maintaining a position of *trust* on the Atonement Blood of Christ is vital!

43 Jesus suffered on the *cross* so we could be converted in heart—a heart that will bring forth spiritual fruit of Christlike attitudes all the time.

44 We are to believe that WEY 1 Peter 2:24 "*The burden of our sins He Himself carried in His own body to the Cross and bore it there, so that we, having died so far as our sins are concerned, may live righteous lives.*"

45 The young ruler asked NKJV Mark 10:17-19 "*Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?*"

46 Jesus said to him, "*Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments.*"

47 The man had kept the six named—NKJV Mark 10:21 "*Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him,*

48 "*One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me.*"

49 Daily trust on God for finances was a problem for the man—he had to eliminate financial resources on *earth* and transfer them to God in *Heaven*.

50 The man was not willing to do that so he AV Mark 10:22 "*was sad at that saying, and went away grieved.*"

51 When Jesus said 18 NIV "*Why do you call me good?*" the man *should* have said: *You are God and Your advice is good and means eternal life!* Saying *that* would show that the man would be *glad* to get rid of anything hindering his salvation.

52 When God speaks there must be no hesitating—just *doing*—like Noah and Abraham and others.

53 *Eternity never ends*—why would anyone hold on to earthly *treasure*, when it could be exchanged for eternal *life*!

54 Jesus said: AV Mark 10:23 "*How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!*" And 24 "*Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!*"

55 The man *could* have journeyed toward Heaven, but he did not *value* the Truth nor understand the *endlessness* of eternity enough to stay on the narrow path!

56 The carnal mind values the *lake of fire* more than *streets of gold*. But all the wealth in the world will not buy a moment of peace if God says to get rid of something and we won't do it.

57 Trusting God in faith *guarantees* eternity—and there is no **price-tag** on that! The world thinks that living by faith in God is *foolish* or *impossible*, but YLT Mark 9:23 "*All things are possible to the one that is believing.*"

58 We must know that this *journey to eternity* is worth it all—AV 1 Peter 1:8-9 "*Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.*"

59 The result of our *faith* is the salvation of our *soul*!

60 We should be *joyful*, *confident*, and *praising* God every day for His love, mercy, and grace as we *journey to eternity*.

61 NLT John 12:50 "*His instructions lead to eternal life.*" The One who paid our entrance fee said that—are **we listening!**

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