

SUNDAY MORNING MESSAGE 02.21.16
SERIES: 1000 YEARS FROM TODAY
WEEK#1 – FOREVER IS FOR REAL

1. THIS LIFE IS NOT ALL THERE IS

Psalm 90:2 (ESV) Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

A) God is Eternal

1 Timothy 4:8 (ESV) for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.

John 14:1-3 (ESV) "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

B) You are Eternal

2 Corinthians 5:1-2 (ESV) For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling

***"If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy,
the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world." - C.S. Lewis***

2. FOREVER IS FOR REAL

***"To make the most of your life, you must keep the vision of eternity
continually in your mind and the value of it in your heart." - Rick Warren***

When we lose sight of eternity . . .

A) We expect more from this life than it can give

John 16:33 (ESV) I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

Galatians 1:3-5 (ESV) Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, 5 to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

B) We are lured into thinking this life is all about us

1 Corinthians 10:31 (ESV) So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

C) We live as if there are no consequences

Hebrews 9:27 (ESV) And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,

2 Corinthians 5:10 (ESV) 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

D) We give up hope

1 Corinthians 2:9 (ESV) But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"—

Revelation 21:3-4 (ESV) And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

3. FOREVER ISN'T JUST FOR LATER