

Chapter 8 Eternity revealed

Is it true that “eye has not seen, nor ear heard . . . the things which God has prepared for those who love him”? 1 Corinthians 2.9.

No! That Bible passage goes on to say, “But God has revealed them to us through his Spirit”, and here's what is revealed -

First, stepping into eternity means “to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord” - *in heaven!* 2 Corinthians 5.8. What a glorious prospect! No wonder, Christian funerals are able to be times of great comfort and rejoicing.

Second, what can we take with us into eternity? - only *people!* So God calls us to be “fishers of men” Matthew 5.19, seeking to attract as many as possible to the Lord Jesus Christ.

What will help to make heaven special isn't *things*. It is people freed, for all eternity, from the power, guilt, and presence of sin.

Third, heaven will be a place of total joy - no more pain, no more sorrow, no more tears. Wow! See Revelation 21.4.

Fourth, God's good news to believers is “you *have* eternal life.” 1 John 5.13. Not “you might have” or “will have”. No, it's a *present* possession. What greater comfort could we ask?

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“Right now God is ready to welcome you. Today he is ready to save you.”

- 2 Corinthians 6.2 (The Living Bible)