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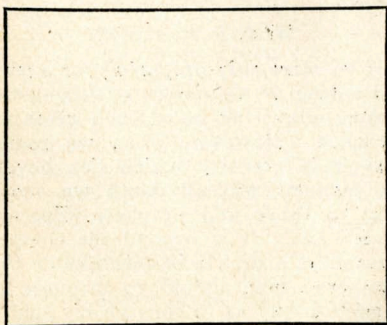
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## ETERNITY WHERE?

### No. 10 of The Gospel Tract Series

Where will you spend eternity? It must be in one of two places and the decision as to which is entirely in your hands. Will it be in the eternal joy of God's presence or in the eternal night of separation from Him and His love? "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve."

Let no one think that he will be able to say when shut out of God's presence and consigned to the punishment of hell that God sent him there. You send yourself there by your rejection of God in this life. God loved you and gave His Son to die that you might be with Him through eternity. If you will choose God you can be with Him for eternity but if you refuse or neglect the loss of your soul for eternity is your reward.

### What Is Eternity?

If we were only preparing for a week end outing or a summer excursion this matter might not be of such great importance. However, when we realize that it is eternity which lies beyond the moment we call death we should stop to think and prepare. Eternity never ends. It is beyond the comprehension of man. It is unthinkable that intelligent man should go through life in such a way as to consign his soul to eternal night for all eternity.

If all this great globe upon which we live were tiny grains of sand and a silver cord were stretched away to yonder sun, ninety-three million miles away in the heavens. If a tiny ant began the seemingly unending task of transporting the earth, grain by grain, to the sun. If this stupendous task were completed and then repeated a hundred times, eternity stretches on before us as far as when it first began. There is no way that man, with his finite mind, can comprehend eternity.

### **We Must Live**

There is no escaping eternity, for both the good and the bad shall live. There is no such thing as the annihilation of the spirit of man. The soul of man never dies. In heaven or hell you must live and you are making the decision now as to which shall be your dwelling place. Which will it be, heaven and the love of God or hell with its eternal separation from all that is good?

### **Heaven and How to Get There**

Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people. Christ is now preparing that place for us and while he does we must prepare for it. Heaven is the home of the saved, the place of ultimate salvation of the soul. Christ has become "unto all them that obey him the author of eternal salvation" (Heb. 5:9). Therefore as we obey Him we are saved and made ready for heaven.

There is no way of entering heaven save through obedience to His will.

**Believe:** "Without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing unto Him" (Heb. 11:6). "Ye believe in God, believe also in me," said Christ in John 14:1. And again he said, "Except ye believe that I am He ye shall die in your sins" (John 8:24). Therefore we must **believe**.

**Repent:** "Except ye repent ye shall all in like manner perish," said the Saviour in Luke 13:3, 5. By the spirit of God Peter said, "Repent ye . . . unto the remission of your sins" (Acts 2:38) and Paul by the same spirit said, "He commandeth men that they should all everywhere repent" (Acts 17:30). Therefore we must **repent**.

**Confess:** "Everyone therefore who shall confess me before men, him will I also confess before my Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 10:32). And again, "It is written, As I live, saith the Lord, to me every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess to God" (Rom. 14:11). Along this same line Paul says, "Every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord" (Phil. 2:11). Therefore we must **confess**.

[NOTE: Not a confession of sin or sinfulness but a confession of Christ, that we believe Him to be the Son of God (See Acts 8:37).]

**Be Baptized:** "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:



16). "Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins" (Acts 2:38). "Arise and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on his name" (Acts 22:16). "Even baptism doth also now save us" (I Pet. 3:21). Therefore we must be baptized.

[NOTE: Not the sprinkling of a few drops nor the pouring of a cup or pitcher of water will do. It is a burial with the Lord in baptism (Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12).]

**Walk a New Life:** "For hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that ye should follow his steps" (I Pet. 2:21). "Be ye imitators of me, even as I also am of Christ" (I Cor. 11:1). "So we also might walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4). "If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7). Therefore we must **Walk a New Life.**

**Faithful Till Death:** "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10). Therefore we must continue, rooted and grounded and growing in the faith, being **faithful till death.**

### **Hell and How to Go There**

Hell is also a prepared place. It was prepared for the devil and his angels,

not for man. God did not prepare it for man but man can send himself there by ignoring the commands of God. A wilful disobedience to the will of God results in man going there. A careless neglect and thus a failure to do God's will likewise results in the loss of the soul. Paul asks the question, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation" (Heb. 2:3)? There is no way of escape. If we neglect we are lost and lost for all eternity.

### **Why Will You Die?**

God and Jesus offer life to you, my friend. Then why, oh why, will you die? Is it not far easier and better to walk in the simple path of obedience to the will of God and live. Remember that no one can sentence you for eternity but yourself. You are passing that sentence day by day. By obedience to the will of God and trust in Him you can live. By disobedience and neglect you die, not only for time but for all eternity. My prayer is that you will choose God and eternal life. "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve."

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