

A Glimpse of Glory: An Eternal Perspective

Faith Reformed Church Sunday School

October 13, 2024

1. Announcement

2. Opening Prayer

3. Review

A. Heaven will be God-Centered

B. Heaven will be a Physical Place

The eternal state = “A new heavens *and a new earth*” (Revelation 21:1)

4. An Eternal Perspective: Introduction

A. Living for the Rope vs. Living for the Line

B. The Reality of Mortality

Psalm 90:3-5, 10, 12: “You return man to dust and say, ‘Return, O children of man!’ For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night. You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning...The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away....*So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.*”

5. Sin

A. An eternal perspective *rescues us from sulking in our sin*

B. An eternal perspective *gives us a strategy for fighting sin*

1 John 3:2-3: “² Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears *we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.* ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.”

2 Corinthians 3:18: “And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, *are being transformed* into the same image from one degree of glory to another.”

*See also Colossians 3:1-4

6. Suffering

A. An eternal perspective *transforms the way we view suffering*

2 Corinthians 4:17-18: “¹⁷ For this light momentary affliction is *preparing* for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ *as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen.* For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.” (See also Romans 8:18)

B. An eternal perspective *gives us power to persevere through suffering*

Hebrews 12:2: “...looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, *who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*”

7. Purpose

A. An eternal perspective *invites questions from a watching world*

1 Peter 1:13: “Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, *set your **hope** fully* on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

1 Peter 3:14-15: “¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵ but *in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy*, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who *asks you for a reason for the **hope** that is in you...*”

B. An eternal perspective *motivates us through heavenly reward*

Mechanical rewards vs. *organic* rewards

1 Thessalonians 2:19-20: “For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not **you**? For **you** are our glory and joy.”

Psalm 126:5-6: “Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy! He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.”

8. Closing Prayer

Upcoming Schedule:

- Oct. 20: Stephen Atkinson (Christian Witness to Israel missionary)
- Oct. 27: A Glimpse of Glory, Week 7 (Rob Danforth)
- Nov. 3-Christmas: Church History (Lincoln Rus)