

## ETERNITY

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines *eternity* in these ways:

Time without beginning or end; infinite time.  
The state or quality of being eternal.

The time to which most of us relate is temporary. Such is life on this planet for humans – it begins, happens with many events and occurrences, and ends. Infinite time, on the other hand, has no such boundaries. It is time that existed before you were born and will continue, without end, beyond your existence on earth. In other words, *eternity* always was and is not constrained by time as we measure it.

The word *eternity* is aptly applied to our understanding of God. The word only appears once in the King James Version (KJV) of the bible and speaks of one quality of God's existence – “. . . thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth *eternity*, whose name is Holy . . .” (**Isaiah 57:15**) (*emphasis added*). The word means ‘ever,’ or ‘without end.’ The same word in the Hebrew language is also found in the familiar phrase prophesying the coming Messiah (Jesus) and is translated ‘everlasting.’ “. . . his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The *everlasting* Father, The Prince of Peace” (**Isaiah 9:6**) (*emphasis added*).

Many view God and *eternity* in the same way – as being infinite. “**Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting thou art God**” (**Psalms 90:2**). God created everything revealed in the Bible in what humans now experience as finite time. Eternity, something everlasting, on the other hand, is infinite, as is Creator God.

The good news for humanity, for you, is that God has made a way for you to be *everlasting*, to experience *eternity*. The first humans walked in God's presence and were immortal. Their life would have existed infinitely. Unfortunately, their immortal status was changed ‘mortal’ with their Fall into **Sin**. They left the infinite timeline for a finite one. Every human being inherited that status. Only through God's grace can you reverse it.

**God's Plan of Salvation** through Jesus Christ provided the mechanism for humanity to return to the infinite timeline. When we accept Jesus Christ as the Son of God, the Savior of the world, a spiritual rebirth occurs, restoring immortality. The spirit of reborn Christians lives eternally. Even when physical life ends, spiritual life restored in Jesus Christ continues and will forever. “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have *eternal life*” (**John 3:16**). “I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have *eternal life*” (**1 John 5:13-14**) (*emphasis added*).

Many have written about eternity in far greater detail, some of it mind-boggling and difficult to comprehend. Regarding your faith journey, here are the most important things to remember about time and *eternity*:

Time as you know it is finite, temporal. Time as God know it and is, is infinite, eternal.

If God is not eternal, all of the promises in the Bible for you, including rebirth, resurrection, and heaven, would have no validity.

You and all of humanity are mortal. Immortality, life continuing infinitely through eternity, without end, can only be restored through God's grace and the atoning work of Jesus Christ.

“If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved” (**Romans 10:9**). Immortality is restored; eternity is yours in Jesus Christ.

Here are a few other resources you may wish to explore on the subject of *eternity*:

[Topical Bible: Eternity \(biblehub.com\)](https://www.biblehub.com/topical/bible/eternity.htm)

[Eternal Definition and Meaning - Bible Dictionary \(biblestudytools.com\)](https://www.biblestudytools.com/dictionary/eternity/)

[Eternity - Encyclopedia of The Bible - Bible Gateway](https://www.biblegateway.com/encyclopedia/eternity/)

[What Does the Bible Say About Eternity? \(openbible.info\)](https://www.openbible.info/articles/eternity)