

DEEP DIVE

Eschatology: What do we do now that endures into eternity?

Getting our focus right

This world theology

- Maximising experience and fulfilment

- Leaving our mark

Don't waste your life....

1. Shaped by the Day of the Lord

2 Peter 3:3,10

Destruction, replacement or renewal?

2 Peter 3:10, 5-7

A new heaven and a new earth – Revelation 21:1

2. What will the new heaven and new earth be like?

Revelation 21:1-8

a. A new city

b. A new intimacy

c. A new creation

3. What endures from this age into the age to come?

a. The 'cultural mandate'

Genesis 1:28

The limitations of this?

b. Faithfulness now

1 Peter 2:12

Matthew 5:16

c. Faithfulness now in things that won't endure into the age to come

- Marriage

Matthew 22:30

Ephesians 5:21-33

Colossians 3:18-19

- Attitude to secular authorities

Romans 13:1-7

1 Peter 2:13-17

- Caring for the poor

Matthew 25:31

- Work
2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

- Doing the dishes, vacuuming, cleaning the car, gardening....

4. Two case studies

a. The resurrection

Luke 24:36-43

1 Corinthians 15

b. Work that has implications in the age to come

- Luke 16:1-9
- 1 Corinthians 15:58 'Therefore my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour for the Lord is not in vain.'
- 1 Corinthians 15:10-11
- 1 Corinthians 3:9-15
- 1 Corinthians 16:10
- 1 Corinthians 16:15-16

What can we invest in now that will endure into eternity?