

Where will
YOU
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ETERNITY
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Is There Something Missing?

Have you ever wondered why the things of this life never satisfy the deepest longings of our hearts? No matter what we do to find lasting satisfaction and true happiness, we inevitably find that something is missing.

Why is this?

Many people unwisely believe that they are the only ones who experience this restlessness and hopelessness. They don't mention this disappointment to others for fear of being considered negative, or even depressed. Is this emptiness and meaninglessness indicative of an **emotional** issue, or is it something even deeper? Could it be a God given warning that we have a serious **spiritual** problem? It is possible that we feel this way, (*as if something vital is missing from our lives*) because something vital and eternal **is actually** missing?

**'Labour not for the meat which perisheth,
but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life,
which the Son of man shall give unto you:
for him hath God the Father sealed.**

(John 6:27 KJV)

We are created with eternity in our hearts.

God said in Genesis 1:26-27, '**...Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: ...So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.'**

That, my friend, is the simple, yet profound explanation for the abiding emptiness in the hearts of men and women without Christ. God created us as eternal beings with the capacity to enjoy temporal pleasures, but not to be satisfied with them apart from Him.



**'He that loveth silver
shall not be satisfied with silver;
nor he that loveth abundance with increase...**

Ecclesiastes 5:10 KJV

The Bible puts it like this:

(Proverbs 27:20).

**'Hell and destruction are never full;
so the eyes of man are never satisfied.'**

(Ecclesiastes 1:8)

King Solomon, the wealthiest and wisest man that ever lived, said,

**'All things are full of labour; man cannot utter it:
the eye is not satisfied with seeing,
nor the ear filled with hearing.'**

Though many people reject the Bible today, and dismiss its message and eternal wisdom as irrelevant, their very own experience bears witness and testimony to its truth.

Man without God cannot, and will not, ever be satisfied!



WHAT WENT WRONG?

You don't need to be a rocket scientist to work out that there is something seriously wrong with life as we know it and experience it today. The emptiness and frustration that everyone experiences (but few talk about) is a direct result of SIN – yes, SIN! Sin is many things; but fundamentally, sin is man choosing to live without God, or in disobedience to God. Attitudes like “I don't know God” or “I don't need God” and especially “I don't want God” or “I don't love God” –these lie at the root of our feelings of alienation and emptiness. Deciding to not know, need, want, or love God explains why our lives are without meaning. Add to this emptiness our wilful disobedience and our disregard of God's Holy Law, and – there you have it—no wonder our lives are seriously chaotic and out of order!

This is why 'the Bible' calls us sinners; and it is also the Biblical explanation for why we all die.

'For the wages of sin is death'

(Romans 6:23 KJV)

The famous philosopher, scientist, physicist & theologian, Blaise Pascal, stated it like this:

**'There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart
of every man that can only be filled
with God's own Son, Jesus Christ.'**



ETERNITY IS FOREVER & EVER & EVER &.....

As we have already mentioned, this emptiness and dissatisfaction with life we all experience is actually a God-given motivation to seek out the truth concerning our eternal destiny. Regardless of our thoughts concerning this subject, the truth of God's Word is eternal and unchangeable. We will live on forever in one of two places, **Heaven or Hell.**

The Bible states it like this:

'For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.'

(Rom 6:23).

We are eternal creatures, but we don't have eternal life abiding in us until we are born again of the Spirit of God. Jesus said in John 3:3,

'Except a man be born again, He cannot see the kingdom of God.'

It was for this very purpose that God sent His Son Jesus Christ into the world.

'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.'

(John 3:16).

There it is again, my friend—Everlasting Life! This is why you were born and why you were brought by God's goodness into this world, that you might BELIEVE this message and be saved. However, to be personally experienced, this gift must be received by repentance and faith.

'Repent ye, and believe the gospel' *(Mark 1:15).*

Why not pray to God right now and ask Him to save you from your sin and Hell.

'For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

(Romans 10:13).



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