

HOW LONG IS ETERNITY?

ETERNITY IS NOT AS LONG AS EVERLASTING.

COMMENTARY: Everlasting implies boundless, unlimited. For many the word Eternity does also. However, in the following verses both life and punishment are said to be eternal. But everything/everyone who is affected by these verses will also “LIVE” forever. Yet, all of these (things and created beings) have had a beginning! If the angels and the souls of men are eternal and they had a beginning, then the eternal and the infinite are not synonymous.

Matthew 25:46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Mark 3:29 But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation:

Mark 10:30 But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

John 3:15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

John 12:25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

Romans 2:5-11

5 But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

6 Who will render to every man according to his deeds:

7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:

8 But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,

9 Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;

10 But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile:

11 For there is no respect of persons with God.

2 Corinthians 4:18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:4

16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

5 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

3 If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.

4 For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

Ephesians 3:11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

1 Timothy 1:17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

2 Timothy 2:10 Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

Titus 1:1-3

1 Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;

2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

3 But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour;

Titus 3:4-7

4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Hebrews 5:7-10

7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

10 Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

INFINITE OR ETERNAL:

Everlasting to Everlasting God (infinite God) had to FIRST create a vehicle / interface / mediator through which He could relate to and interact with the finite.

Infinite and eternal are not synonymous.

Definition of *INFINITE*:

— adjective

- 1) immeasurably great: an infinite capacity for forgiveness.
- 2) indefinitely or exceedingly great: infinite sums of money.
- 3) unlimited or unmeasurable in extent of space, duration of time, etc.: the infinite nature of outer space.
- 4) unbounded or unlimited; boundless; endless: God's infinite mercy.
- 5) Mathematics .
 - a) not finite.
 - b) (of a set) having elements that can be put into one-to-one correspondence with a subset that is not the given set.

— noun

- 6) something that is infinite.
- 7) Mathematics . an infinite quantity or magnitude.
- 8) the boundless regions of space.
- 9) the Infinite (Being), God.

The angels are eternal, Our souls are eternal, But neither are infinite!

The beginning of the creation of God was when He created the mediator. He determined that He would have a Father/Son relationship with this mediator. That was when He became THE FATHER. However, this mediator was NOT a separate person from the Father because the Father indwelt the Son. Thus the Son became the MANIFESTATION of the Infinite God to the finite creation.

Time did begin in the midst of creation and it does not end at the judgement. Because the finite can NEVER be infinite only eternal, it is always subject to time and place.

ONLY GOD is truly infinite - present at every place AND time simultaneously!

THE RULES OF INFINITY

Infinity divided by any finite number is infinity.

Here are the rules:

1. Infinity divided by a finite number is infinite ($I / f = I$);
2. Any finite number divided by infinity is a number infinitesimally larger than, but never equal to, zero ($f / I = 1 / I$);
3. Infinity divided by infinity is one ($I / I = 1$), or in fact any other positive number ($I / I =$ and so on...);
4. Infinity multiplied by zero (no infinity) is zero ($I * 0 = 0$);
5. Infinity divided by a positive finite number is infinity ($I / +f = I$);
6. Infinity divided by a negative finite number is minus infinity ($I / -f = -I$);
7. Infinity divided by zero is not possible;
8. Infinity plus infinity is infinity ($I + I = I$);
9. Zero divided by infinity (nothing divided into infinity) equals zero ($0 / I = 0$);
10. Infinity plus a finite number is infinity ($I + f = I$);
11. Infinity minus a finite number is infinity ($I - f = I$); but
12. Infinity minus infinity, due to the nature of infinity, can be zero, infinity, or minus infinity ($I - I = -I, 0, I$).