

# The Journey to Forever!

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**Acts 3:14** *Ye denied the Holy One*  
**Philippians 3:8** *I count all things but loss*  
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**1 Corinthians 9:24** *Run in such a way as to get*

**1** An eternal environment of unimaginable beauty that never ends is awaiting every true believer in Christ. It is entered by an active faith on the atoning Blood sacrifice He made for us.

**2** **AV Matthew 7:24** *“Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock.”*

**3** Every soul has a *beginning* but no *ending*—and two eternal residences are awaiting everyone—one is entered by *trusting God* and the other by *rejecting Christ!*

**4** Most will reject the Truth from the Lord and will accept the lies of the devil. **AV Luke 13:24** *“Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.”*

**5** Each of the two environments are endless! Jesus told Martha on the passing of Lazarus **WEY John 11:25-26** *“I am the Resurrection and the Life; he who believes in me, even if he*

*has died, he shall live; and every one who is living and is a believer in me shall never, never die.”*

**6** The Holy Spirit inspires us to put our trust on God and our faith in Jesus—the Spirit then opens our eyes to understand the *principle of trust* involved. When we *listen*—we *learn*.

**7** **AV John 10:16** *“And other sheep I have [Gentiles], which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.”*

**8** Eternity is the state into which our eternal soul passes when we leave this life—going to either the blessings of *Heaven* or the tortures of *Hell*. One is by *believing Jesus* and the other by *rejecting Him!*

**9** From the beginning our soul is going in the direction of *Hell*—Someone *has* to intervene. **NKJV Hebrews 7:25** *“Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.”*

**10** We begin life valuing *things* on earth far more than valuing *faith* in God. Finances to sustain a person in retirement and beyond are a major concern for the world—as well as weapons for protection and medical treatments for relief—all valued by the world.

**11** **NKJV 1 Corinthians 2:14** *“The natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”*

**12** The natural heart does not want to trust God for anything. The Holy Spirit enlightens us to know the value of putting our trust on the sacrifice Jesus made for us.

**13** Pilate asked the people if they wanted the *Savior* but they wanted a *criminal* instead **John 18:40**.

**14** Later they were told **AV Acts 3:14** *“Ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you.”*

**15** Saul of Tarsus *persecuted* and *prosecuted* Christians, but after his *conversion*, he said **AV Philippians 3:8** *“I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord.”* Living forever with Jesus in *Heaven* meant far *more* than any brief pleasure on earth.

**16** He gave up worldly friends, laid-up treasure, inward resentment, outward religion, and everything else that was *not faithfully following* his Lord and Master. He now wanted to *know* what being *in Christ* really meant.

**17** Outward religion with no inward conversion of heart, he knew, is worthless. It had to be **NKJV Philippians 3:9** *“That which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith.”*

**18** If we are willing to *believe* and *trust* God in faith, we become His child. He wants everyone to be saved—that is why **AV Matthew 12:20** *“A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench.”*

**19** If we are willing to trust and obey His easy instructions—forgiving others; trusting Him for protection, for healing, and for finances each day, we *glorify* God as a result of those decisions.

**20** **AV John 15:8** *“Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.”*

**21** The Christian life is a serious *battle* with a vicious *enemy*—and it is a *race* with an eternal goal—so **1 Corinthians 9:24 NIV** *“Run in such a way as to get the prize.”*

**22** He says it takes *“strict training,”* but *“we do it to get a crown that will last forever.”*

**23** Every day we **Philippians 3:14** NIV “*press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*”

**24** It takes *purpose* and *focus*—but WEY **Philippians 3:16** “*Whatever be the point that we have already reached, let us persevere in the same course.*”

**25** This *journey to forever* begins with the life on earth God has given. There are things to *do* and a faith to *keep* while we travel each day.

**26** Our journey will take us through many *areas* and *attitudes*, but God will guide us every step of the way, as we trust Him with every choice we make.

**27** If our attitude stays right toward God AV **Luke 8:15** we will have an “*honest and good heart;*” we will read His Word “*keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.*”

**28** Jesus says that He *ordains* us that **John 15:16** “*ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain.*”

**29** We will have to make many decisions as we *journey to forever*, but with repentance, commitment, and faithful trust on God, as we continue toward that goal, He will see that we “*bear fruit.*”

**30** **John 15:2**, and He will purge [clean out] any wrong attitudes so we “*may bring forth more fruit.*” Following that plan keeps us from being unfruitful.

**31** The *soul* is eternal, and the *flames* are also—they are *never* quenched! Maintaining a position of trust on the Atonement Blood of Christ is vital.

**32** The suffering of Jesus on the *cross* was for the converting of our heart *within*—a heart that brings forth fruit every day.

**33** We must believe that WEY **1 Peter 2:24** “*The burden of our sins He Himself carried in His own body to the Cross and bore it there, so that*

*we, having died so far as our sins are concerned, may live righteous lives.*”

**34** The young ruler knelt before Jesus and asked: NKJV **Mark 10:17-19** “*‘Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?’ So, Jesus said to him, ‘Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God.*”

**35** “*You know the commandments...[He names six].*” The man had kept them—NKJV **Mark 10:21** “*Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, ‘One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me.’*”

**36** Financial trust was a problem. The man had to eliminate financial resources on *earth* and transfer them to God in *Heaven*.

**37** The man was not willing to accept this advice that would save his soul from Hell! AV **Mark 10:22** “*He was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions.*”

**38** When Jesus said <sup>18</sup> NIV “*Why do you call me good?*” the man was given the opportunity to say: *You are God, so Your good advice means eternal life!* Saying *that* would show that the man was *glad* to get rid of anything hindering his salvation.

**39** When God speaks there should be no hesitating—just *doing*—like Noah and Abraham and others. *Eternity never ends*—so why would anyone hold on to earthly *treasure*, when it could be exchanged for *eternal life!*

**40** Jesus then said: AV **Mark 10:23** “*How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!*” And **24** “*Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!*”

**41** The man *could* have continued his journey toward Heaven, but he did not *value* the

Truth nor understand the *endlessness* of eternity enough to stay on the narrow path!

**42** The carnal mind values the *lake of fire* more than *streets of gold*, but all the property and possessions in the world will not buy a moment of peace if God says to get rid of something and we won’t do it.

**43** The *value* of trusting God every day is priceless, because it *guarantees* eternity—and there is no price-tag on that!

**44** The unbelieving think that living by faith is *foolish* or even *impossible*, but YLT **Mark 9:23** “*All things are possible to the one that is believing.*”

**45** As we *journey to forever*, we think of Jesus—AV **1 Peter 1:8-9** “*Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.*”

**46** The end of our faith is the *salvation* of our soul! Everyone will be judged on whether they *believed* and *trusted* God in faith or *disbelieved* and *rejected* God and His Truth.

**47** NLT **John 12:48** “*All who reject me and my message will be judged at the day of judgment by the truth I have spoken.*”

**48** We should be joyful and confident of God’s presence—His love, mercy, and grace causes us to praise Him through each day on this *journey to forever!*

**49** NLT **John 12:50** “*I know his instructions lead to eternal life.*” Our Savior is *speaking*—are we *listening!*



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