

Life Is Short, But Eternity Is Not

I. Introduction: Many think “you only live once” and “live life to its fullest.”

A. What is your physical; earthly life (**James 4:13-17**)?

1. All flesh is as grass (**Psalms 103:15-16** and **I Peter 1:24**).
2. Until Christ comes again, death is a certainty (**Ecclesiastes 9:9-12**).

B. Our mindset should revolve around the fact that we understand this life is temporary (**I John 2:15-17**; cf. **Ephesians 5:15-17**).

1. That doesn't mean we cannot enjoy things at all (**Ecclesiastes 2:24**, **Ecclesiastes 3:9-13**, **Ecclesiastes 5:13-20**, **Mark 6:30-32**, **I Corinthians 7:32-34**, **I Timothy 6:17**, and **I Peter 3:10**).
2. We just have to be balanced (**I Corinthians 7:31**).

II. Body: You Do NOT Only Live Once and That Life Is Not Short (**Matthew 25:41-46**).

A. Peter asked a question (**Luke 18:28-30**).

1. The promise is everlasting (**John 5:24**).
2. A life eternal (**Titus 3:7**).
3. In heaven (**I Peter 1:4**).

B. What should we be seeking (**Hebrews 13:14**)?

1. However, people get distracted with their proverbial “bucket lists” and such (**Mark 4:18-19**).
2. Even our liberties, things not wrong, take our attention (**Deuteronomy 20:5-7**).
3. Those things can lead to us being unprepared (**Luke 14:16-24**).

C. We are just passing through this world (**I Peter 1:13-17**).

1. Understanding we are on a pilgrimage is useful (**I Peter 2:11**).
2. Not living after the flesh (**Romans 8:12**), but to live Christ (**Philippians 1:21**).

III. Conclusion: We have seen that Heaven and Hell are both eternal. Where are you headed (**John 5:28-29**)? Will you change if need be (**Acts 3:19**)?