

Living in the Light of Eternity

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“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.”
(Hebrews 11:1)

“Now we see but a poor reflection; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.”
(1 Corinthians 13:12)

Eternity – what we hope for (as Believers), but we do not see. Paul calls it a poor reflection; it is dim, blurry, shadowy, unclear, etc. It is known only in part. And I am certain only a very, very small part. We know in our hearts that eternity exists, but beyond that we have very limited understanding. Paul goes on to proclaim *“then I shall know fully”* – our eyes will be opened. We will gain full understanding of eternity in the presence of Christ.

I have often wondered how we would live our lives if we already had a full understanding of eternity. Probably our priorities and use of time would be completely different. Our focus would be redirected from this life to the eternity to come. We would become single-minded and very purposeful in how we lived.

We are given several examples from scripture of men that were given glimpses of eternity – men such as Moses, Paul, Isaiah, Jerem-iah, Ezekiel, Daniel and the disciples to name a few. These men in one way or another were given glimpses of eternity divinely by God. These tastes of eternity focused their full attention to their individual call to service by God. As Paul states, *“No one serving as a soldier get involved in civilian affairs – he wants to please his commanding officer”* (2 Timothy 2:4). These men in their own way each cast aside the affairs of this world in pursuit of eternity and the treasures that awaited them. Oh, to live in light of eternity!

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.”

“When it comes time to die, make sure that all you have to do is die.”

Quotes by Jim Elliot