

The Eternal
Existence of
God

Psalm 102:12

But thou, O Lord, shall endure for ever; and thy
remembrance unto all generations.

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Forward

God had no beginning and has no end, yet He encircles our lives with His presence. He is too wonderful, too great, for our minds to understand. Nobody ever made God - He always was!"

For God to be God, He could not have been created. He had to be without beginning and without end.

John 3:16

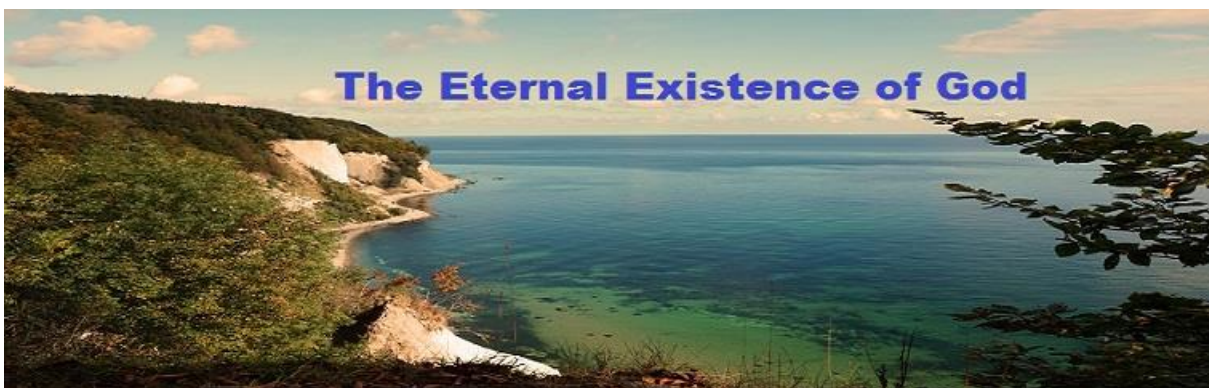
For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Without God being eternal, we could not have everlasting life. Consider your hope.

Eternal life with Christ means that God is eternal.

As you read these Scriptures, be thankful that even though this life is as a vapor, It is only a preparation time for eternal life with Christ.

Chapter 1



The eternity of God is the duration of God, and the duration of God is his existence enduring.

It is indeed a high and holy mystery to contemplate that God existed before He created anything. Time dwells within God. He causes, affects, and controls it, and yet does so without time exerting any control or hold on Him. Everything about God is "always" and is not subject to time!

The name of the Lord is to all generations.

Ps 102:12 Thou, O Lord, dost abide forever and Thy name to all generations.

The nature of God is without beginning and without end, free from all succession of time. God dwells in eternity. Eternity is not just "extended time" but rather is existence above and apart from time. God contains in Himself the cause of time! Time has no control over God and He does not have to work within the strictures of time unless He so pleases.

The Lord never tires or gets weary.

Isaiah 40:28 Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable.

God, being the Author of time, is in no way conditioned by it. He is free to act in relation to time and is equally free to act outside its limitations. Acting in time He said to Abraham,

“Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life and Sarah shall have a son” (Ge 18:14).

He who searches the heart, saw that the one sprung from unbelief, and the other from faith. She denied that she had laughed. One sin commonly brings in another, and it is not likely we shall strictly keep to truth, when we question the Divine truth. But whom the Lord loves he will rebuke, convict, silence, and bring to repentance, and if they sin before him.

Jesus came when the fullness of time had come.

But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son” (Gal 4:4).

We learn the happier state of Christians under the gospel dispensation. From these verses see the wonders of Divine love and mercy; particularly of God the Father, in sending his Son into the world to redeem and save us; of the Son of God, in submitting so low, and suffering so much for us; and of the Holy Spirit, in condescending to dwell in the hearts of believers, for such gracious purposes.

Also, the advantages Christians enjoy under the gospel. Although by nature children of wrath and disobedience, they become by grace children of love, and partake of the nature of the children of God; for he will have all his children resemble him. Among men the eldest son is heir; but all God's children shall have the inheritance of eldest sons.

God the father is our Redeemer.

Isaiah 63:16 Thou, O Lord, art our Father, our Redeemer from of old is Thy name.

They beseech him to look down on the abject condition of their once-favoured nation. Would it not be glorious to his name to remove the veil from their hearts, to return to the tribes of his inheritance?

Chapter 2



His name “I Am,” expresses clearly His unconditional and independent existence and encompasses the idea of His continuous presence (Ex 3:14) because He simply “is.” Unlike His creatures who are bound by time with life that is brief and fleeting, the Creator is eternal.

I am, and there is none else besides me. All else have their being from God, and are wholly dependent upon him. Also, here is a name that denotes what God is to his people. The Lord God of your fathers sent me unto you. Moses must revive among them the religion of their fathers, which was almost lost; and then they might expect the speedy performance of the promises made unto their fathers.

Everything in existence is dependent upon God.

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Let us adore these mysteries in humble faith, and behold the glory of the Lord in Christ Jesus. He was born or begotten before all the creation, before any creature was made; which is the Scripture way of representing eternity, and by which the eternity of God is represented to us.

All things being created by Him, were created for him; being made by his power, they were made according to his pleasure, and for his praise and glory. He not only created them all at first, but it is by the word of his power that they

are upheld.

Do you not know that God is an eternal, self-existent Being, that to say He loves now, is, in fact, to say He always did love, since with God there is no past, and can be no future?

What we call past, present, and future, He wraps up in one eternal **NOW**. And if you say that He loves you **now**, you thereby say that He loved you yesterday, He loved you in the past eternity, and He will love you forever; for **now** with God is past, present, and future.

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We are dying creatures, but God is an everlasting God, the protector of his church; we may be confident that it will not be neglected. When we consider our own vileness, our darkness and deadness, and the manifold defects in our prayers, we have cause to fear that they will not be received in heaven; but we are here assured of the contrary, for we have an Advocate with the Father, and are under grace, not under the law

The Lord is the creator of the ends of the earth.

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Chapter 3



But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son” (Gal 4:4).

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God is and will always be.

“God said to Moses, ‘I am who I am’ ” (Ex 3:14 everything He could be, He is and always was and always will be).

That he is faithful and true to all his promises, unchangeable in his word as well as in his nature; let Israel know this, I AM hath sent me unto you. I am, and there is none else besides me. All else have their being from God, and are wholly dependent upon him.

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Ps 90:1-2 Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were born or Thou didst give birth to the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting.

It is supposed that this psalm refers to the sentence passed on Israel in the wilderness, Num. 14. The favour and protection of God are the only sure rest and comfort of the soul in this evil world. Christ Jesus is the refuge and dwelling-place to which we may repair.

Man is immortal but God is eternal.

There is a difference between **being immortal** and **being eternal**. Man is immortal—that is, his soul will never die; but God is eternal—He has neither beginning nor ending. God existed before the mountains (the most durable thing known in Moses' day); in fact, He gave birth to the mountains.

Through faith in Jesus Christ, we become a part of eternity and possess eternal life."

God is our redeemer.

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They beseech him to look down on the abject condition of their once-favoured nation. Would it not be glorious to his name to remove the veil from their hearts, to return to the tribes of his inheritance? The Babylonish captivity, and the after-deliverance of the Jews, were shadows of the events here foretold.

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Two names God would now be known by. A name that denotes what he is in himself, I AM THAT I AM.

This explains his name Jehovah, and signifies,

1. That he is self-existent: he has his being of himself.
2. That he is eternal and unchangeable, and always the same, yesterday, to-day, and forever.
3. That he is incomprehensible; we cannot by searching find him out: this name checks all bold and curious inquiries concerning God.
4. That he is faithful and true to all his promises, unchangeable in his word as well as in his nature; let Israel know this, I AM hath sent me unto you. I am, and there is none else besides me. All else have their being from God, and are wholly dependent upon him. Also, here is a name that denotes what God is to his people.

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God is eternal: when he thinks his thoughts abide forever, and when he acts his ways are everlasting

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God has an affection which has no source except in Himself, He could not begin, for He is without beginning of years, and without end of days. From they called upon the everlasting God.

Abraham called upon the everlasting God.

Ge 21:33 And Abraham planted a tamarisk tree at Beersheba, and there he called on the name of the Lord, the Everlasting God.

Chapter 4



Ps 102:7 Thou art the same and Thy years will not come to an end.

Here is a prayer put into the hands of the afflicted; let them present it to God. Even good men may be almost overwhelmed with afflictions.

It is our duty and interest to pray; and it is comfort to an afflicted spirit to unburden itself, by a humble representation of its griefs. We must say, blessed be the name of the Lord, who both gives and takes away.

God is the first and the last.

Isaiah 41:4 Who has performed and accomplished it, calling forth the generations from the beginning? 'I, the Lord, am the first, and with the last. I am He.'

Sinners encourage one another in the ways of sin; shall not the servants of the living God stir up one another in his service? God's people are the seed of Abraham his friend. This is certainly the highest title ever given to a mortal. It means that Abraham, by Divine grace, was made like to God, and that he was admitted to communion with Him.

God is the Alpha and the Omega

Revelation 1:8 I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "Who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

If we would be numbered with his saints in glory everlasting, we must now willingly submit to him receive him, and honour him as a Saviour, who we believe will come to be our Judge. Alas, that there should be many, who would wish never to die, and that there should not be a day of judgment!

The Most High lives forever.

Isaiah 57:15 For thus says the high and exalted One Who lives forever (dwells in eternity), Whose name is Holy, "I dwell on a high and holy place, and also with the contrite and lowly of spirit in order to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.

Eternality is the attribute associated with God alone, because God has no beginning point and no ending point.

The Eternality of God

Eternity includes three ideas. It means that...

- (a) The nature of God is without beginning or end
- (b) God is free from all succession of time and
- (c) God contains within Himself the cause of time

Thus we see that eternity means far more than endless time. We may speak of eternity without end, and of an eternity past without beginning, but this is not yet the eternity of God. To Him there is no past, present, or future. He does not live in time, but beyond it in eternity and, as the eternal God,

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He will make his abode with those whose hearts he has thus humbled, in order to revive and comfort them. When troubles last long, even good men are tempted to entertain hard thoughts of God. Therefore He will not contend for ever, for he will not forsake the work of his own hands, nor defeat the purchase of his Son's blood.

God sees all events from creation to the last judgment in one glimpse.

Chapter 5



Nevertheless, that person sees that in the procession there is order and progress. Thus it is with God. This is evident from Acts 15:18.

We see from the words "purifying their hearts by faith," and the address of St. Peter, that justification by faith, and sanctification by the Holy Ghost, cannot be separated; and that both are the gift of God. We have great cause to bless God that we have heard the gospel.

God is an everlasting song

Have you never heard or understood? Don't you know that the Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth? He never grows faint or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding. Isaiah 40:28

The people of God are reproved for their unbelief and distrust of God. Let them remember they took the names Jacob and Israel, from one who found God faithful to him in all his straits. And they bore these names as a people in covenant with Him.

God is our everlasting Father.

For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. And the government will rest on his shoulders. These will be his royal titles: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

The exact agreement of this prophecy with the doctrine of the New Testament, shows that Jewish prophets and Christian teachers had the same view of the person and salvation of the Messiah. To what earthly king or kingdom can these words

apply? Give then, O Lord, to thy people to know thee by every endearing name, and in every glorious character. Give increase of grace in every heart of thy redeemed upon earth.

God gives everlasting love.

Long ago the Lord said to Israel: "I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself. Jeremiah 3 1:3

Everlasting strength will arise when we wait upon God.

To ask Jesus to come into your heart please pray this Prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Christ, the Son of the Living God. I ask you to forgive me of my sins and coming into my heart. I accept you as savior and will follow you as Lord. Amen.

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