

“Living for Eternity”

I. We have been created for eternity because we have been loved from eternity.
Jeremiah 31:3

II. God has put this sense that we were created for eternity in our hearts. “He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.”
Ecclesiastes 3:11 NIV

III. Eternity or eternal life is only found in Jesus. 1 John 5:11&12

IV. Eternity or eternal life comes when we believe (rest completely in Jesus). 1 John 5:13

V. Eternity or eternal life comes when we learn to know Him as our best friend.
John 17:3

VI. We pass from death to eternity or eternal life when love takes the place of hate in our hearts. 1 John 3:13-15

VII. Jesus tells us that perfect love for the problem people in our life comes through prayer. Matthew 5:43-48

VIII. If we live according to our sinful desires, we will die. But if we allow the Holy Spirit to put to death our sinful desires we shall live for eternity. Romans 8:13&14
“Sin could be resisted and overcome only through the mighty agency of the Third Person of the Godhead, who would come with no modified energy, but in the fullness of divine power. It is the Spirit that makes effectual what has been wrought out by the world’s Redeemer. It is by the Spirit that the heart is made pure. Through the Spirit the believer becomes a partaker of the divine nature. Christ has given His Spirit as a divine power to overcome all hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil, and to impress His own character upon His church.”
The Desire of Ages, page 671

IX. If we walk in the Spirit the works of the flesh will not be in our life. Galatians 5:14-21

X. To walk in the Spirit means that we have the fruit of the Spirit in our life.
Galatians 5:22-26

Conclusion: Jeremiah 31:3 says that not only has God loved us from eternity but that he has been drawing or pulling us with that love. If we do not resist, we will live for eternity. "The sinner may resist this love, may refuse to be drawn to Christ; but if he does not resist, he will be drawn to Jesus; a knowledge of the plan of salvation will lead him to the foot of the cross in repentance for his sins, which have caused the sufferings of God's dear Son." *Steps to Christ, page 27*