

Gateway to Life Sermon Notes

"And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified." (Acts 20:32)

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WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY

The Glory and the Love of God in His Justice

INTRODUCTION

There is a simplicity to Christian truth yet there is deep complexity.

TEXT: John 3:16

ETERNAL LIFE

Eternal life is a present reality for the Christian.

What is that eternal life? (<u>Romans 6:3–4</u>, <u>2 Corinthians 5:17</u>, <u>Ephesians 4:23–</u> <u>24</u>)

Eternal life is to think differently. It is to live in the likeness of God. It is to pursue righteousness and holiness.

PERISH

Every human being is destined to die and live eternally in a state, John calls, **perished**. The world, apart from any intervention by God is literally and not humorously, going to hell. <u>Matthew 25:46</u>

It is important to know that if you have not believed in Christ, you are already perishing – you are already condemned.

APPLICATION

"If you believe what you like in the Gospel, and reject what you don't like, it is not the Gospel you believe, but yourself." - Augustine

There is no contradiction between God's love and hell.

God loved you enough to send his Son as our only Savior. If you reject Christ, you are rejecting God's love, not objecting to God's love. Or stated by the writer to the Hebrews, "how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation . . ." (Hebrews 2:3a, ESV)?

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