**Driven by Eternity Introduction**

1. How would you define eternity?
2. What does it mean to be driven?
3. Would you live differently if you were constantly eternity-minded? If so, how?

This class serves to emphasize 2 main points:

1. **Not everyone who claims to be Christian is going to heaven.**

**Matthew 7:21-23** “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’

1. **What you do or do not do in this life will determine, not just where, but how you will spend eternity. You will either have an abundance or lack of rewards for eternity based on you actions in this life.**

**1 Corinthians 3:11-15** For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13each one’s work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is. 14If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. 15If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

The principles you will learn in this class will help you be ready for the Great Day of Judgement

**Video 1: The Eternal**

**Job 36:26 (LB)** God is so great that we cannot begin to know him. No one can begin to understand eternity.

**Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NKJV)** He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.

**Psalm 14:1 (NKJV)** The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.”

Our minds cannot comprehend eternity, but God has put it in our hearts.

Eternity is not subject to time; time is subject to it.

God’s judgements are eternal.

There is an appointed day for Judgement!

**Acts 17:30-31 (NLT)** “God overlooked people’s ignorance about these things in earlier times, but now he commands everyone everywhere to repent of their sins and turn to him. For he has set a day for judging the world with justice by the man he has appointed, and he proved to everyone who this is by raising him from the dead.”

**Acts 24:25 (NLT)** As he reasoned with them about righteousness and self-control and the coming day of judgment, Felix became frightened. “Go away for now,” he replied. “When it is more convenient, I’ll call for you again.”

There is a healthy fear of eternal judgements that will preserve your life, now and for eternity.

**Hebrews 6:1-2 (NKJV)** Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

The doctrine of eternal judgements is: Elemental / Fundamental.

Judgement (Greek: krima):

* A decision resulting from an investigation
* To separate or distinguish between good and evil

Judgement for the believer does not mean condemnation, but decisions

God’s decisions are eternal and unchangeable

What is the criteria for God’s Judgement? The Bible - His Word.

**John 12:48 (NKJV)** He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

Two ways that the New Testament refers to itself: Scripture and The Law Of Liberty.

**James 2:12 (NLT)** He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

It doesn’t matter what is legal here. What matters are the laws of the kingdom; what God says.

Do you want to be scared and ignorant on Judgment Day? Or, do you want to know a loving God?

**1 John 4:17 (NLT)** And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world.

**1 John 2:5 (AMPC)** But he who keeps (treasures) His Word [who bears in mind His precepts, who observes His message in its entirety], truly in him has the love of and for God been perfected (completed, reached maturity). By this we may perceive (know, recognize, and be sure) that we are in Him

**1 John 5:3 (NKJV)** For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

The specific difference between kingdom, godly love and that of the world is knowing what the King expects, and obeying it by His grace.

We can have confidence as we approach Judgment Day if we spend time in God’s word.

**1 Corinthians 9:26-27 (NLT)** So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.

**Driven:** To propel, to guide, control, or direct, or to supply the motive force to.

Will what we have built our lives upon stand at the Judgement Seat?

***Homework***

Reading:  Driven By Eternity Chapters 1-5