An Eternal Perspective, part 2

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INTRODUCTION

- It seems like everywhere we turn, it's bad news.
- As Christians, we struggle with how to understand and think and act particularly toward one another as brothers and sisters in Christ.
- We had the sentence of death within ourselves, so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead.

1 How We See Life Itself

Philippians 1:21–27; Hebrews 12:1–3; 2 Corinthians 5:16–17

- For to me to live is Christ. And to die is gain.
- For the child of God, that statement is life is Christ. Everything else is just details.
- Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.
- Conducting ourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel doesn't stop when we leave the building here. In fact, it never does stop.
- Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he's a new creature. Old things passed away, behold, new things have come.
- The turmoil that we are looking at in this world, needs to be approached from a perspective of seeing Jesus Christ in everything.

2 Our Commitment to Both Unity and Reality

1 Corinthians 2:2; Philippians 2:12–15; 2 Corinthians 4:16–18

- That is not something that's going to happen accidentally. We're not going to just trip over this. We have to be intentional.
- Your decisions right now still need to be based on God and his will.
- They both became apostles of Jesus Christ. But somehow they found a way to be united in Christ. And that's what we need to be doing.
- Do all things without grumbling or disputing, so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach.
- We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.
- Our ambition, our aim, our goal is always to please God.

3 How We View and Treat One Another

Philippians 2:1–4; 2 Corinthians 5:16–17; Ephesians 4

- There is intrinsic value to who you are. Because every human being is made in the image of God.

- Why is it that we ought to be concerned about injustice, for example? Because people are made in God's image.
- And there is never a reason to mistreat anybody.
- Make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.
- With humility of mind, regard one another as more important than yourselves. That's how we view and treat others, and that's how we stay united.

4 How We Understand Christ's Death and Mission

Philippians 2:5–8; Luke 9:23; 2 Corinthians 5:14–21

- The key to our unity, the key to understanding reality, the key to understanding how we need to be living and acting in this world is right here in verse 5.
- Not that he emptied himself of things, but he emptied himself.
- Doesn't say deny yourself of things. It says deny yourself.
- Jesus didn't just give a few things of himself, he gave himself. And this is the mind of Christ.
- He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for him who died and rose again on their behalf.
- I need to see people, everybody, as souls made in the image of God who need to be reconciled to him.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Have you mirrored the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ? Baptized into Him.**

MY NOTES