

# *Have You Considered the Eternity of God?*

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There are serious challenges to the work of engaging our culture theologically and philosophically. In fact, due to liberal Biblical criticism and a general attitude of skepticism the Church meets more people with a secular worldview rather than a Christian worldview. Most evangelical Christians are being accused of being overly concerned with doctrine, overly propositional, offensive, boring and uncool. Protestant Liberalism emerged in the 19<sup>th</sup> century as influential theologians argued for a doctrinal revolution. This was embraced by preachers like, Harry Emerson Fosdick who preached that Christianity must come to terms with the modern age and surrender its supernatural claims. Nevertheless, the liberals set out to remove the doctrine of hell (thus, birthing the religion of Universalism). As historian Gary Dorrien of Union Theological Seminary observed, the doctrine of hell marked the first major departures of theological orthodoxy in the USA. These early liberals wanted nothing to do with the wrath of God pouring out on unrepentant sinners condemned to hell for cosmic treason against a Holy God. Theological liberalism argues that the doctrine of hell slanders God's character, and therefore are rejecting what the Church had affirmed throughout her early history. There are two primary views held today by Universalists:

1. The belief that ALL humanity is intrinsically good and thus will be redeemed by 'goodness'. (*Question: What's wrong with this? From a God-word perceptive the Bible says there is no one good (Isaiah 64:6, Romans 3:23, Romans 3:12, Ecclesiastes 7:20).*)
  2. The belief that Christ's death was necessary for redemption, BUT the benefits of His death apply to all humanity- period, regardless of personal faith and responding to the Gospel's plan of salvation.
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## *A Message to The Universalist*

Have you considered the eternity of God? Did you know that God is eternal?

***Psalm 90:2, "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God."***

That is to say that you and I will have a beginning and will have an end. This is also true for birds, reptiles and so on. Then there are those who had a beginning, but will have no end such as angels and the souls of men. But the final *One* who has no beginning and will have no end is reserved for God alone. He is the only *One* who is from everlasting to everlasting. This is

why the Apostle Paul referred to Him as the “King Eternal” (1 Tim. 1:17). This is also why the Jews from old would not even say in reverence the name “Jehovah”, the word alone properly sets forth God’s eternity. This was a dreadful word for the Jewish community. Rightfully so, they trembled to use it, write it, say it, and read it. Therefore, they replaced it with *Adonai* which means Lord. The essence of Jehovah contains in it, that God is time past, present, and future (Revelation 1:8). That made them tremble. Within our passive culture of Christianity today, we read over this and say, “well that’s silly”. But, it would do us all a bit of good to pray for a serious reverence for God and His Holy Word, in a culture engaged in Canaanite sins and have lost the fear of God.

God alone is the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last (Revelation 1:8). No creature can make this claim of himself. That is such a claim that is once again reserved for God.

*Exodus 3:14, “I am that I am.”*

That’s is to say He (God) is the only *One who exists from all eternity (Hebrews 1:8)*

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## *A Warning to The Universalist*

The warning to the Universalist is this: God is eternal; therefore, the torments of the wicked will be punishment in eternal hell. Jesus Christ had more to say about hell than He did heaven. Whenever the Churches’ engage in popcorn theology it is then the Word of God becomes watered down in the pulpit. A watered-down Gospel is not a gospel at all! Plastic Preaching today is working its way down to the doctrine of Universalism. We too must understand that Satan is not going to put up a sign to warn people, “to hell exit here!” Therefore, within our everchanging world when we look at the narrow and the wide gate (Matthew 7:13-14) today both paths have a symbol of a cross, and we have to discern between the two. This tool to discern with has been freely given to us the Holy Bible. If there is no hell- than the cross of Jesus Christ was in vain. Jesus’ death is robbed of any eternal weight, unless there is a hellish eternal realm of existence from which sinful souls need to be delivered.

God lives forever; and since He lives forever, He will be punishing the damned forever. Ever time the sinner takes it upon himself to break God’s Law willfully he at that point is like a wild animal indulging in the desires of his flesh with no awareness of God nor any regard for His Law.

I want you to change your message and repent, remember that God is eternal dear friend, and as long as He is eternal Ha has time to reckon with all His enemies.

*Thomas Watson, "Sinners need to tremble in regards to three things, (1) the torments of the damned are without intermission. (2) they are without intermission. (3) They are eternal."*