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Eternity Changes Everything: Part 3

1. Think back to your childhood. How might you and your friends have answered the question, “what happens when we die?”
 - a. Has your answer to this question changed? Why or why not?
2. Read Philippians 1:20-26.
 - a. What does this passage teach us about death?
 - b. What is Paul torn between here (v. 23-24)? What does he decide?
3. Read Hebrews 9:27-28. What does this passage tell us about the work of Christ? How do you respond to the certainty of death, judgment, and salvation here?
4. Pastor Mike referred to Arthur Miller’s play *After the Fall*. How do you respond to the excerpt below? How does the presence or absence of a Divine Judge affect how you live?

“I think now that my disaster really began when I looked up one day—and the bench was empty. No judge in sight. And all that remained was the endless argument with oneself—this pointless litigation of existence before an empty bench. Which, of course, is another way of saying—despair.”[1]
5. Compare these verses:
 - a. “For we all must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad”(2 Corinthians 5:10).
 - b. “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus”(Romans 3:23-24).
 - i. How does judgment fit with salvation in Christ alone (i.e., by grace and not by works)?
 - ii. How do you respond to Jesus Christ, who is both your Savior and your Judge?
6. As you consider your life, how will you make the most of the time you have left?
 - a. Think about God’s calling on your life, the things you’d still like to do, the kind of person you’d like to be. Is there anything you need to stop, start, or continue doing this week?
 - b. How can your small group encourage, challenge, and pray for you in this?

[1] Arthur Miller, *After the Fall* (New York: Penguin Books, 1964), 3.