

Eschatology I: Jesus & Paul
Covenant Presbyterian Church, Tullahoma - Adult Sunday school
Sunday, Aug 27 2023

Lesson 00: Eschatology and the Eternal God

1. Humanity - Finite Creatures bound by time

Psalm 90:12, *So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.*

Genesis 3:19, *For you are dust and to dust you shall return.*

2. God - Infinite and Eternal

“God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, justice, holiness, goodness and truth.” *Westminster Shorter Catechism, #4*

“God is limited only by his own nature, only by himself, not by anything in creation. No creature may determine what God is, or keep him from doing what he wants to do. [We] use the term *infinity*... simply to indicate that no creature can place any limits on God.”

John Frame, *The Doctrine of God*

“Infinity applied to time is eternity.” Hermann Bavinck (quoted in Frame, *TDG*)

3. Eschatology - the Infinite and Eternal God and the end of his Temporal Creation

John 1:14, *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...*;

Col. 1:19, *For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell*

“God’s transcendence is not his being outside or beyond history, but rather his being Lord and King, in control of all things and speaking with authority over all things. So God’s special relation to time... should not be define first in terms of temporality, but in terms of lordship... God is Lord *in* time as we as the Lord *above* time.” Frame, *TDG*

2 Peter 3:8, *But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.*

Mark 1:15, *“The time is fulfilled...”*