



Dear Crossroads Family,

This Sunday we will come to the end of our Bible study and sermon series in which we have attempted to see God clearly. We have looked closely at 7 of the most important aspects of God's nature according to Scripture: God is holy, He is love, He is just, He is omnipotent, He is faithful, He is life-giving, and for this coming Sunday, God is eternal.

Which of these characteristics of God is most important to us. Trying to answer that question is a bit like trying to decide which part of a car is most important—the engine, the wheels, the steering wheel, the brakes? They are all important and necessary. In the same way, every characteristic of God is important, and each characteristic has an obvious value for us, His people. Where would we be if God were unholy rather than holy, or if He were hateful rather than loving?

The benefit to us that God is eternal is a little less obvious than the other characteristics, but in fact, the benefit to us that He is the eternal, immortal God is tremendous. That will be our focus this Sunday in the sermon titled, "Who Was, and Is, and Is to Come." I hope you will choose to worship with your church family this Sunday. We need to be together each week to love and encourage one another and to worship the Lord and hear from His word.

Remember that this Sunday is also our food and diaper collection Sunday. In preparation for worship, be sure and buy a few extra cans of food or a package of diapers and bring them with you to worship for "we should continue to remember the poor" (Gal. 2:10).

I'm looking forward to seeing you this Sunday and joining with you in worshipping our Eternal God. "To Him be the glory and power for ever and ever! Amen" (Rev. 1:6b).

Love,

Bro. Doug

Who Was, and Is, and Is to Come *Psalm 102:18-28*

God is an _____ being. The statement, "God is eternal" defies human reason. But the important question is, "What does the fact that God is eternal _____ _____ _____ _____ _____?" **Psalm 102** helps us answer that question.

The Psalmist knows that since God is eternal, He has always _____. And if God was there in the beginning, then you can be assured that in every moment of _____, God was there as well.

An amazing example of this took place as Jesus was calling His disciples. When Nathanael met Jesus,

Jesus claimed to know about him. Nathanael asks: "How do you know me?" Jesus' answer doesn't just claim _____; it claims prior _____. "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I _____ you."

That God is eternal also means He is _____. The fact that his psalm is a prayer affirms his awareness that God is with him in the present. God's clear promise in Scripture is that He is "with us"—_____. His constant presence is assured through His _____. Even in our most isolated moments, we are never really _____, for Jesus, by His Holy Spirit, is with us.

But the Psalm's focus is on how God's eternal nature affects our _____. To the Psalmist, God's eternal nature means only that his _____ will live in God's presence when he is _____. But a better future with our eternal God became clearer in the ministry of _____. On the cross, Jesus promised, "This day you will be _____..." With the eternal Jesus, we can live _____.

The Bible pictures our lives like runners in a 4x400 meter relay. You are simply the steward of the baton for _____. God isn't with us like a _____ on the sideline. He is present with every stride we take like the _____ itself. We are running on His eternal _____—on the course He laid out. When we come to the _____, He will be there, ready to make _____ the eternal life He prepared and planned for us.

A Few Reminders:

Panera & Prayer Luncheon: Crossroads Women of Prayer group will be meeting Monday, April 20, at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. The guest speaker is Jeanne Lassetter, presenting "Trusting God's Timing, Plan, and Character." Please bring your own drink and \$7.00 to cover the cost of the meal. RSVP to Gail Anderson at 210.863.5254. All ladies are invited!

Crossroads Sunday Night Concert Series will begin again in April. The first concert of the series is on April 26 at 5:00 pm. Randy Anderson and Chuck King are the headliners of this concert. A flyer is included in the bulletin that can be used as a reminder for you or invitation to give to someone else. You won't want to miss it!

VBS 2026 Illumination Station is just around the corner! There are still a few volunteer spots that need to be filled. Contact Chelsay Long at 703.814.2990 for more information. Also registration for children who will have completed Pre-K through 6th grade this school year is open. You can register at cbcsa.net/vbs.

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