

"The Everlastingness in Our hearts"

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The Bible assumes the everlasting presence and action of a God who is always there. It begins with "In the beginning God created..." More specifically we further find that "In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God and the Word was God" –John 1:1. We do not know the beginning, but can assume this means creation. But wherever one could mark the beginning God is there. Moses, in marking time from a human perspective simply exclaims: "... (before) even Thou hast formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God" –Psalm 90:2b. Speaking prophetically of the Messiah (Jesus), Micah 5:2 distinctly puts his birth in Bethlehem of Judea, the one who would be ruler of Israel, "...whose goings forth have been of old, from everlasting" (Emphasis mine). The finite human mind can hardly fathom a God who is from "everlasting" and will still be there to "everlasting." But the Bible speaks of a God who is (not was) there from eternity past to eternity future. Jesus identifies Himself as "...the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end..." in Revelation 1:11. The Godhead is eternal, past, present and future.

This eternal God stepped out of eternity to create (and mark) time and space. He created a planet called earth and all the heavenly bodies in the universe. And time began out of eternity. God then created man in His own image, with will, volition, free choice and everything that would mark him as distinct from the animal kingdom. God did something that would forever mark the human race different than the animals on this planet. The writer of Ecclesiastes 3:11 simply puts it this way: "He (God) has made everything beautiful in His own time: also he has set eternity in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God makes from the beginning to the end." What this means is that there is everlastingness within the human heart that God alone placed there. God's will was that His human creation would live with Him forever. Sin in the garden and ever since has marred God's eternal will for humankind. But the everlastingness He has placed in the human heart still beats within us today and causes us to pursue all that exists and all that we can experience on this planet.

To say that humans are part of the animal kingdom is somewhat of an insult to the animals. No animal would kidnap another animal to hold it for ransom. No animal would seek revenge when wronged. No animal would hold a grudge for decades. No animal would murder another animal merely for pleasure or in anger (animals may kill for food or survival only). No animal would purposely abort its unborn young. No animal would prostitute its females. No, we are different than the animals on this planet.

But an even greater difference is that there is not an eternity in the heart of any animal. Mankind has a capacity to worship an eternal God whose going forth is from old, even from everlasting; a God who is from everlasting to everlasting, the eternal, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

So here we are; us humans have been placed on this planet just as the first man and woman were placed in the garden, and given "things" surrounding us for our enjoyment or experience - things that are of limited endurance. What a frustration! Because within the human heart there is still an everlastingness. Humans seek satisfaction in the things that fill our world: a new car, the right spouse (or partner), better homes and gardens, a second home by a lake or ocean, a full savings or retirement account, a yacht or even a boat, endless cruises, yet another wife with another family, etc, etc. Some of the wealthier and more famous among us have sampled it all. However, everything around us gets old and nothing on this earth lasts. Nothing here is forever! Yet man keeps moving from one amusement to another, like a child watching a three ring circus with clowns, dogs, horses, tigers, elephants, acrobats and tightrope performers. There is one short thrill after another, with applause from the audience and bows from the performers. Then afterward there is nothing and nothingness, the excitement of the performance soon to be forgotten.

But the eternal Word, the everlasting to everlasting God has created everlastingness in our human hearts that cannot be filled by the variety of garden items around us. None of them fits into eternity. See 1 John 2:17. The human heart yearns for eternity; nothing surrounding us fits the bill.

However, the Everlasting Word visited this planet in order for us to fill the everlastingness of our human heart with His presence forever and ever. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever would believe in Him would not perish, but have everlasting life" –John 3:16. "As the Scripture says, whosoever believes in Him will never be disappointed" –Romans 10:11. Let us seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Nothing else on this planet will fill our emptiness and give us everlastingness in our hearts. See Isaiah 55:6-7



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The Lighter Side... Signs:

"TOILET OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW."

Notice in health food shop window:
CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS

Outside a secondhand shop:
WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES,
WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT
BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A
WONDERFUL BARGAIN?

Message on a leaflet:
IF YOU CANNOT READ, THIS LEAFLET
WILL TELL YOU HOW TO GET LESSONS.

On a repair shop door: WE CAN FIX
ANYTHING. (PLEASE KNOCK HARD ON
THE DOOR. BELL DOESN'T WORK)

In a London department store:
BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS



No-Bake Pumpkin Pie

- 8" Pre Baked Pie Shell
 - 1 Pkg Jello Instant Vanilla Pudding
 - 1 Cup Prepared Cool Whip
 - 1 Cup Canned Pumpkin
 - ½ Cup Milk
 - ¼ tsp of each of the following spices:
Nutmeg, Ginger, Cinnamon, Ground Clove
- Combine all ingredients. Beat slowly, just to blend. Place mixture in pie shell. Chill in refrigerator for a couple hours, then serve.
- Optional: Put a layer of small marshmallows in the bottom of the pie shell, then add the filling. What a yummy topping when the marshmallows come to the top!
- Eleanor Svoboda



Buying new sheets? Be sure to pick a different color or pattern for each size bed, so sorting and laundering will be faster and less confusing.

Wash dark things inside out, to keep the right side from collecting lint.

Bulky items like blankets and bedspreads should be washed alone for best results.

Close zippers to protect them; fasten hooks to prevent snagging on clothes.

Wash knits inside out to protect against snags.

De-wrinkle corduroy and velvet by tumbling 15 minutes in the dryer along with a damp towel.

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"I know that whatsoever God does shall be forever: Nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; and God does it that men should fear before Him."

-Ecclesiastes 3:14

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Rev. David Bauer October Itinerary



Oct. 7 11:00 a.m. Lisle Bible Church, Lisle, IL

Oct. 8 Great Lakes Conference, Rockford, IL

Oct. 14 Roberts Road Bible Church, Justice, IL
Celebrating the 80th Year Anniversary
9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Oct. 18 12:00 noon Pacific Garden Mission, Chicago



Key Note Speaker: Dr. James Ford
Radio Personality and Long-Time Pastor of
Christ Bible Church, Chicago

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BRM Field Report #10

We are fielding a lot of calls these days; some of them encouraging words and some are not so encouraging.

On September 9, Grace Bible Chapel in Grand Rapids, MN had a great Mortgage Burning Celebration, with a full Pig Roast, games for the kids and a huge bonfire to celebrate the burning of the mortgage after 15 years! Though the Bauers could not get to upper Minnesota to join them, we rejoice with these folk over how the Lord has blessed. Rev. Dave Bauer visited the church over 10 years ago, and prayed with concerned board members over the burden of the mortgage payments, which almost equaled the church missionary commitment. Praise the Lord, the church is now debt free!

On September 23, Nortonville Bible Chapel in Spring Lake, MI celebrated its 125th anniversary. Rev. David and Dolores Bauer were able to travel up for the celebration and to renew contacts with a number of BRM friends. Nortonville is enjoying a joyous new adventure under new Pastor Joe and Elaine O'Neill. We indeed "*rejoice with those who rejoice...*"—Romans 12:15.

Roberts Road Bible Church will likewise be celebrating their 80th Anniversary on October 14. This church is the one where Rev. John Bauer was pastor for 28 years, and the church of David's childhood. Pastor Dave has known ALL of the church's pastors through the years. RRBC Board has asked Dave to do a historical presentation in the Sunday school and morning church service on the day of celebration.

There have been plenty of problems these days, in our churches with pastors and in those without pastors. It is a sign of the times, and we do have a lot of time on our hands to cause trouble in this present evil day. But the very best way to handle offenses is still privately, face to face – as in Matthew 18:15. Remember: email and text messaging will never replace face to face contact!

In His Service,

Rev. David J. Bauer –Matthew 6:33