Lesson: Infinity

The symbol for infinity is ∞. The infinity symbol represents a number in mathematics that cannot be calculated, or which otherwise continues indefinitely. The idea of infinity can be applied widely to philosophical questions in many disciplines. In particular, people often relate it to time, the universe, and God. Of those three, the only one that is truly infinite is God. Time will end when Christ returns; plus, those who go to heaven with Him will become timeless beings like He is. Our universe will pass away through entropy, eventually fading into obscurity. The new heavens and earth will be different, primarily because the new universe will be in God’s infinite domain.

God’s will and the purpose of His Son’s death is to give people a chance at everlasting life. That means there is life after death, for those who believe God and trust in the atonement of Christ. That new life, in a new body, will last infinitely, the second Christ comes for us.

* 1 CH 16:35–36 ~ Ask God to deliver, gather, and save you, so that you may give eternal thanks and glory to Him. Blessed be the Lord, from everlasting to everlasting.
* PSA 16:10–11 ~ God will not leave my soul in hell, and He will not allow His Holy One to be corrupted. He will show me the path of life. In His presence is fullness of joy; with His right hand there are pleasures forevermore.
* ISA 35:10 ~ The ransomed of the Lord will return singing songs of everlasting joy; they will have joy and gladness, but sorrow and sighing will be gone forever.
* DAN 7:14 ~ And there was given to Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, so that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him. His dominion is everlasting which will never pass away, and His kingdom will never be destroyed.
* JOH 3:16 ~ For God loved the world so much He gave His only begotten Son, so that anyone could believe in Him and never die, but would receive eternal life.
* JOH 5:24 ~ Jesus said, “Truly I say, anyone who hears my words and believes that I was sent by God will have eternal life. They will not be condemned, but will pass from death into life.”

People who reject the free gift of life which God is offering, will not be forced to live forever with Him in paradise. But they will be choosing everlasting death, entropy, nothingness, and emptiness. For them, time will have run out and their memory extinguished.

* ISA 24:4–6 ~ The earth is defiled and withers; the exalted of the earth decline. The earth is defiled by its people for they have disobeyed the laws, violated the statutes, and broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore, a curse consumes the earth; its people must bear their guilt. Earth’s inhabitants are being burned up and very few are left.
* DAN 12:2 ~ Some will arise to receive everlasting life and some will arise to everlasting shame and contempt.
* MAT 25:32, 46 ~ The Son of God will gather everyone together, and will separate them, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. The sheep will inherit eternal life, but the goats will inherit eternal punishment.
* ROM 6:23 ~ The wages of sin is death. But the gift of eternal life is available to everyone through Jesus Christ our Lord.
* REV 1:18 ~ Jesus said, “I am He who lives, having once been dead, and I live forevermore, Amen. I hold the keys to death and hell.”
* REV 20:14; REV 21:8 ~ Death and hell will be thrown into the lake of fire, along with the cowardly, the unbelievers, the corrupt, the murderers, the immoral, the occultists, the idolaters, and the liars. Their place will be the eternal lake of fire which is the second death.

Philosophical questions such as these are often the topics of interest being debated on Infinity Day. It is a time to speculate, imagine, create, and research things that imply forever, or possibly never. The basic definition of infinity is limitlessness; no boundaries, no end, no constraints. Regarding our Father in heaven, His Son, and the Holy Spirit, we are talking infinity in all directions, in every attribute, to every extent; all-powerful, all-knowing, always present, always right; always superior, sovereign, and supreme. God is perfect in love, truth, life, righteousness, holiness, and grace. His kingdom is a place of everlasting joy, bliss, learning, knowledge, power, and glory. Given your choice between that and hell, the right choice practically jumps off the page.

* 1 CH 29:11 ~ Yours, oh Lord, is all greatness, power, glory, victory, and majesty. Everything in heaven and earth is yours, including the everlasting kingdom. You are exalted as head above all creatures.
* ISA 51:11 ~ Those redeemed by the Lord will return singing praises; they will have everlasting joy, and all sorrow and grief will be gone forever.
* EPH 1:9–11 ~ He made known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Christ to be put into effect when the times reached their fulfillment, thereby bringing all things in heaven and on earth together under one head who is Christ. In Him we were chosen, being predestined according to His plan, ensuring that everything conforms to His purpose and will.
* COL 1:12–20 ~ Christ established an everlasting peace through His blood which was shed on the cross, thereby causing all things on earth and in heaven to exist together in harmony with Him.
* 1 TH 4:16–17 ~ The Lord will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with a blast from the trumpet of God. Then the dead in Christ will rise first. Those who remain alive in Christ will rise to join the others in the clouds, meeting the Lord in the sky. Those chosen by Christ will live with Him forevermore.
* 1 TI 1:15–17 ~ The truth is, Jesus Christ came to earth to save sinners, of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy, so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ could reveal His unlimited patience as an example for everyone who would believe in Him and receive everlasting life. To the eternal, invisible, and immortal King, the only God, be all honor and glory forever and ever, Amen!
* JDE 1:25 ~ To the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, now and forevermore, Amen.

Can you imagine infinite knowledge, growth, life, experience? This should motivate you to be all you can be in godliness and obedience; your reward for behaving and controlling yourself will be prosperity and honor. Additionally, the reward for your faith and trust in Christ will be to pass from death into life in paradise. You cannot simply be a good person to be heaven-bound; you have to receive the gift by faith. Once you receive Jesus into your heart, the Holy Spirit will be your infinite friend, always accessible in this life and the next. He will tell you the truth, what to do about it, and when it is the right time to speak it or perform it. Therefore, you need to be faithful and good; faith comes first and it yields good works.

* ISA 57:15 ~ The eternal and holy Lord God says that anyone who comes before Him with a contrite and humble spirit will be revived from death.
* MAT 7:14 ~ Straight and narrow is the gate that leads to eternal life.
* JOH 5:28–29 ~ The time is coming when all who are in the grave will hear His voice and come forth. Those who have been faithful and good will arise to everlasting life, and those who have been unfaithful and evil will arise to receive everlasting condemnation.
* TIT 1:2 ~ Our faith and knowledge rests on the hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before the beginning of time.
* TIT 3:5–8 ~ He did not save us because of our deeds done in righteousness, but because of His mercy given us through the regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit by Jesus Christ, so we can be justified by faith and become heirs in hope of eternal life. Those who have believed will apply themselves to perform good deeds.

Generally, things that have a beginning have an end. God had no beginning; He existed for infinity past and future, and all points in-between, to the greatest height, breadth, and depth. Believers had a beginning, but they will not have an end, since we will live forever with the Lord our God. I like that idea a lot more than being forever dead, where everything you experienced in your entire life will be gone forever and so will you. God is the only infinite, but we can choose everlasting life with Him from this point forward and forever.

* ISA 65:17–19 ~ I will create new heavens and a new earth; the former heaven and earth will never be remembered or recalled. You will be glad and rejoice forever, for I will make Jerusalem a place of happiness. And I will rejoice with Jerusalem for I will be happy with my people, and there will nevermore be the sound of crying among my people.
* EPH 2:2–4 ~ In the past you walked according to the ways of the world, along with the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that works in those who are disobedient to God. We too engaged in lusts of the flesh, fulfilling the desires of our bodies and minds. Though we were dead in our sins, God in His infinite mercy and love has made us alive in Christ, and by His grace we are saved.
* HEB 9:11–12 ~ Christ has come, the high priest of all good things, into a perfect temple; not a temple made with hands like a building. He entered the sanctuary, not by the blood sacrifice of animals, but through the perfect sacrifice of His own blood. He obtained, not temporary forgiveness for us, but eternal redemption.

Infinite Father, your grace, mercy and goodness are unlimited; your love, peace, and truth are unfathomable. And you give these things to us for free; we praise you for this and we thank you, and we will be eternally grateful when we come home to you Father, in the company of the saints and the angels. Though we cannot imagine eternity we will experience it; and though we cannot understand immortality we will become it. And though we are currently flawed sinners, we will be made perfect in righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, even as your Son is perfect in love and has made us holy through sanctification by His Holy Spirit. We know of peace, joy, faith, truth, and hope but they are fleeting; please continue to restore us every day in these gifts as we look forward to the coming of Christ. Help us to share the truth of your Word as we continue to study it meticulously, so that your kingdom can multiply. In the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, whose death earned for us life everlasting, Amen.

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